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EDWARD ELMORE BROCK'S COMMENTS ON THE TOPICS AND

Doings of the Day From His Point of View—About Something That Yesterday Was, That To-day Is, and the Future Will Probably See

"Which way the subject theme may gang
Let time or chance determine,
Perhaps it may turn out a song,
Or probably a sermon."

"And Eithiopia will yet stretch forth her hand." Viewed from whatever standpoint we may, save that of prejudice, how mighty has been the advancement of the Negro race. His advance from a condition of pure barbarism and oppression has been simply marvelous. His intellectual conquests have been unparrelled. His industrial attainments thrilling; while his progress in spiritual development, beginning with a crude superstition and attaining at last a faith that enobles this present life and points to a grander life to come; together with an ideal happy domesticity, cannot help but excite both our wonder and admiration. In the face of facts it is certainly an undeniable truth that no other nation upon the face of the globe could have, after only a quarter of a centuries freedom, with the same obstacles athwart their pathway, have attained the marvelous position which the Negro now holds before the world, and too, with the yoke and thraldom of slavery only so recently flung from his shoulders.

When we look back over the broad horizon and are reminded that less than 35 years ago the Negro, comparatively speaking, had nothing, not a foot of land, not a house in which to dwell, nor a dollar in money, surely the situation to which they have arrived in this the year of eighteen hundred and ninty-seven is all the more remarkable. And to-day no race can honestly ignore this phenominal progress and should they attempt to do so we know it is done only because facts stares them in the face and they are fearful of the future. While it is an undeniable fact also that the Negro is beginning to be excluded from many forms of employment for which they have fitted themselves, and in which they might gain a competence, such as caterers, cooks, coachmen, waiters, maids, seamstresses and etc., for it seems to be no longer the style to have colored domestics, and yet, while the Negro is declining along those lines of avocation, it is certainly with a sense of pleasure that the writer makes the attempt to review his achievements in the higher branches; such as industry, science, art, literature, music, medicine, law, politics, the ministry, and too, in sports and past-times.

A writer in the Philadelphia Press in a lengthy article on the "Future of the Colored Race," uttered the sentiments of the writer when he said leave your present position by growing out of it and above it; do not leave it by growing smaller and dropping through." If you are a driver of a coal cart, show by your intelligence, your care of your horses and of all the property intrusted to you that you are worthy of something higher. If you are a porter show yourself capable and trustworthy. Perpetually save something that your capital may be working for you, and that you may be able to avail yourself of the coming opportunity, when a little money will make all the difference in the world. Read, learn, improve yourself; above all acquire character, and it is not in the power of man to keep you from rising."

Again, a writer in the December 1896, Peterson Magazine, on "Elevation of a Race" admits that "The Negroes now have an opportunity to enter a hundred callings, in each of which their education and skill will give them wages or returns that will make them independent, and in many cases well-to-do."

It was only a few days ago that the newspapers told the story of Cyrus L. Scottron, the only Negro United States mail agent on the Long Island Railroad, and one of the brightest young men in the railway mail service. The article went on to say "no better tribute could be paid to the impartiality in the system of civil service appointments than the fact that this poor colored boy had been chosen to this responsible position in competition with a number of white competitors. In reading addresses on 100 postal cards in 4½ minutes Scottron made 98 percent, and was at the head of the list. In giving the name of every railroad of the Atlantic division of States entering New York City with their western connections, Scottron made 100 per cent. In geography, naming the capitals and important cities of the United States, and on what lines of railroad and rivers or other bodies of water they are located, he made 95 per cent, and stood at the head of his class."

Just at present the leading subject of talk, is the advent of a Negro star on the Academic horizon in the person of young R. C. Bundy, who was appointed naval cadet by Representative W. B Shattuck to fill a vacancy existing in the Naval Academy at Annapolis. After a competitive examination, open to all comers, it was found that young Bundy had the highest grade of any applicant.

The world is still fresh with William Dean Howells surprising discovery of the wonderful poetic gifts of the young Negro poet Paul Lawrence Dunbar, and of which the New York Journal commenting on the same has the following pleasing words to add: "At last an intellectual bridge has been cast across the chasm dividing the black from the white race! At last, for the first time in the history of this country—or, so far as we are aware, in the history of any other country—a man of pure African blood has arisen to speak for his people in the person of Mr. Paul Lawrence Dunbar. For several years poems bearing his name have been appearing in the leading magazines, but they bore on the surface no racial mark, and the fact that some of them were in the Negro dialect counted for nothing, since many white writers have attempted that, although with less success. It was not, therefore, until a slender, quiet, shabby little volume of verse, dateless, placeless, and without a publisher, drifted out of the West and accidently reached Mr. Howells—who is always quick to see and never reluctant to praise what is really good—that the young Afro-American poet was introduced to the larger audience which the importance of his work deserves" But in paying tribute at the shrine of Mr. Dunbar's genius, Mr. Howells makes a grave mistake in seeking to eliminate the names of Dumas and Puskin from a place in Negro literature, because as he says: "They were both mulattoes, who might have been supposed to derive their qualities from white blood vastly more artistic than ours." For well does Mr. Howells and his clan know too well, that it has been so constituted that man or woman through whose veins there courses the slighest drop of Negro blood—is classed as a Negro, and so to that race is all credit due. And too Mr. Howells shows himself also unacquainted with Negro literary achievements when he fails to even make mention of the peerless, immortal Phillis Wheatley.

From the Charleston, S. C., News and Courier I glean the knowledge that Negro capitalists of Concord, N.C., are building a cotton mill "for the express purpose of manning it with Negro labor, and in this manner try to settle the disputed question whether the Negro can make a good mill operative" Also gives the facts that another, but smaller mill was operated by Negro laborers on a large plantation near Bainbridge, Ga., before and after the war.

In Detroit the Negro is well represented in political positions. In the Sheriff's office there are two deputies in the persons of Wilmot Johnson and Albert W. Hill; County Clerk's Office, Dept. Clerk, Walter Stowers; Register of Deeds Office David L. Watson; County Treasurers Office, Benj. Pelham; Water Works, Robert Pelham, Jr.; Board of Public Works, Hon. W. W. Ferguson and Geo. A. Barrier; City Tax Department, Daniel Cole; City Hall Janitor, Robert Thomas. Also there are six colored teachers employed in the mixed schools.

S. B. Turner of Chicago has been appointed by the Governor, chief of the sample department in the State Grain Inspection office at a salary of $1,350 per year. Last year Chicago also elected a colored South Town clerk at a salary of $3,500 and a colored constable in the bargain. F. L. Barnett was appointed assistant State Attorney at a salary of $1,800 per year. While Albert H. Roberts, a lawyer, was the first colored man to be elected to membership in the Hamilton Club, the leading Republican association of the city.

The Hon. Isaac B. Allen of Boston, Mass., was elected at the last election a member of the Governor's Council, and the news comes to us that he is doing very well and that the citizens of Massachusetts are perfectly satisfied. J. H. Lewis of the same city is the second largest merchant tailor in the state and the fourth largest in the United States.

In Philadelphia, Pa., the colored man is well represented in the police force and nearly all the trades. While Henry Martin, C. J. Perry and Captain Andrew Stevens, are three colored representatives in the Common Council. And Layton C. Brinkley is one of the largest wholesale liquor dealers and bottlers in the city.

Birmingham, Ala., comes to the front with a colored boot and shoe company. A penny Savings and Loan Company with a capital stock of $25,000. Both institutions are manned and controlled by colored men and are in a prosperous condition.

John H. Dillingham and Company are large coal and wood dealers of St. Paul Minn.

G. M. Miller is the proprietor of a large iron foundry at Magnolia, Ark.

W. G. Atwood of East Saginaw, Mich., is one of the largest lumber dealers in the United States.

Mrs. Georgianna Whetsel conducts the largest ice business in Nova Scotia; with a working force of six wagons, eight horses, and every year is seen an increase in the number of men in her employ, the number of icehouses, carts, machines and ponds owned and controlled by her.

Lieutenant Charles Young, a graduate of West Point, stationed at Xenia, Ohio, has been promoted to Troop H, of the Seventh Cavalry, regiment, white, which is the first time in the history of this country that the Negro has so been honored.

Prof. J. Wesley Hoffman, director of the Department of Agriculture at Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, was elected to honorary membership in the Massachusetts Horticultural Society. An honor conferred upon him in recognition of his contribution to the science of agriculture.

Last year Alexander Dennee of Harrisburg, Pa., was elected city assessor on the Republican ticket.

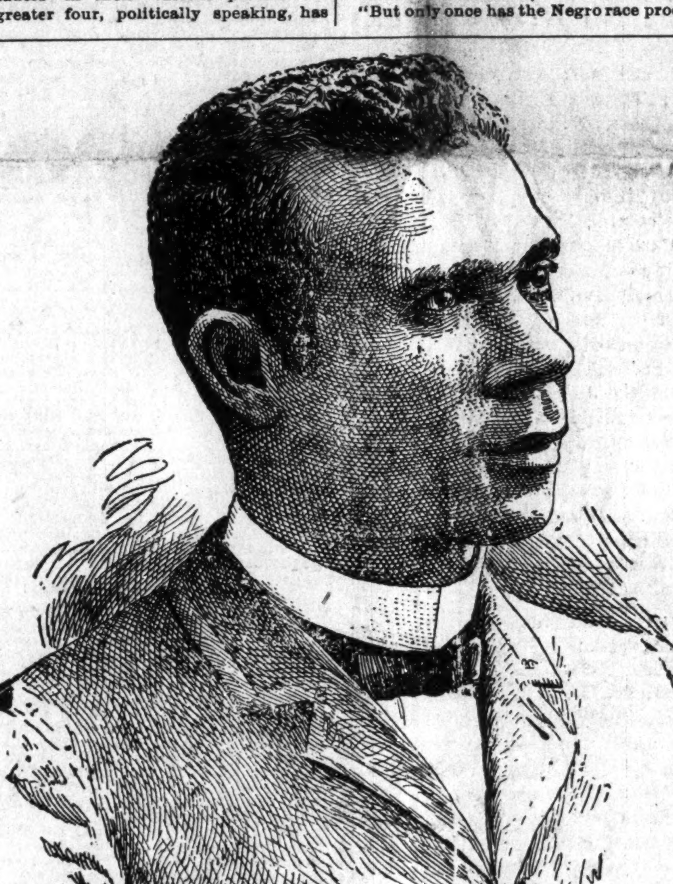
Blanche Wendell, a 17 year old colored girl, in a field of nine competitors, won a gold medal, offered as a prize for oratory at Prohibition Park, Port Richmond, N. Y., in 1895. Miss Wendell was the only colored contestant, the others representing—American, English, Irish, German and Swedish. In Richmond, Va., there is a large financial institution in the form of a savings bank, which is officered and managed entirely by Negroes; also the headquarters of one of the largest and most powerful societies in the United States—The True Reformers. That you may be able to realize the financial strength of this institution, I have only to say, that not long ago it presented to its founder, Mr. Brown, a check for $50,000 in appreciation of his abilities and sterling qualities.

In point of population of its colored citizens, Washington, D. C., and Cleveland, Ohio, is known to be in the van for its culture, society and wealth. These cases are but a few in the line of progress that the Negro is making. Their repreduction can be found in nearly every city and hamlet in the Union.

Here in New York City and its sister city Brooklyn, the wealth of numerous colored people is estimated at any wheres from $5,000 to $150,000, and in Brooklyn itself scores of Negroes are residents and property holders in the most fashionable neighborhoods. There are first class grocery stores, drug stores, saloons, harness makers, barber shops and etc.

From statistics I glean the information that the Negroes of the United States pay taxes on $275,000,000, which including their church property which is not taxed, they have now in their possession $300,000,000 worth of property. That there are also 175 schools of high grade for education of the colored youth. Of which number 25 are colleges and universities, 25 are theological seminaries, 5 are schools of law, 5 are schools of medicine, dentistry and pharmacy, 16 schools for the deaf, dumb, and blind, 52 normal schools and 47 institutions for secondary instructions. The whole number of students connected with these schools is 31,993, while the teachers number 1,311. The whole number of pupils attending school, both private and public, is 1,324,937.

As leaders in their various professions: What greater four, politically speaking, has this country seen than in Douglass, Bruce, Lynch and Pinchback? Who among all the Anglo-American journalists wields a more able and prolific pen, editorially than T. Thomas Fortune, not even excepting the venerable and illustrious Chas. A. Dana of the New York Sun, to whose paper Mr. Fortune is a regular contributor? Who at the American Bar has received greater courtesy, honor and praise than the Hon. T. McCants Stewart? An orator whose oratory captivates and holds us enthralled as if by a spell. Whose language is as chaste as the softest perfume and odorous flower, and whose rhetoric is as clear as a cloudless mid summer day. Whose names have held more lustre upon the American turf than the late Isaac Murphy, the premier of his profession, and his worthy associates, Messrs. Shelby Barnes, Isaac Lewis, Anthony Hamilton, Alonzo Clayton and the two popular trainers—Albert Cooper and the late Andrew Thompson. As a writer of songs, whose name appears before the public more than Gussie L. Davis, who took the second prize in the New York World contest for the best original song from the ten best song writers of the day? Who is a greater inventor to-day, save that of the "Wizard" Edison, than Granville T. Woods, whose creative imagination and genius has been the outcome of thirty-seven inventions? Who in art than H. O. Tanner, son of Bishop Tanner, who has the distinguished honor of a second prize before the American Academy of Arts in Paris, and whose masterpiece, 'The Bagpipe Lesson," is now being exhibited and admired in Wanamaker's art gallery in Philadelphia? Who as a Civil Engineer than Frank Farrell the only colored member of District Union No. 49 Knights of Labor? Who as a philosopher than Augustus M. Hodges? Who in medicine than the late Dr. McDonough of New York City, who performed with success one of the greatest and most daring operations in the history of the world-known Belevue Hospital? Who in oratory and intellectual accumen than Prof. Booker T. Washington, the late J. C. Price and Prof. W. S. Scarborough? Who in ministry than Rev. Cromwell of Washington, D. C.? Who is a greater linguist than the Hon. Edward Wilmot Blyden? Who in fistiana has made a greater record than our own little George Dixon, or our great big Peter Jackson? And what of a war record? Did not no longer than a few months ago, King Menelek of Abyssinia, a Negro warrior, subdue a nation and win the respect of the whole world as no other general could have done? And then again, think of poor Maceo of Cuba and the work he was doing when the treachery put an end to his life, and our own war for the preservation of the Union of all the regiments, whose record was more distinguished than the famous 54th of Massachusetts?



PROF. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

President of Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, which will have a grand exhibit at the Tennessee Centennial. See article, "The Negro's Panacea," on this page.

In complimenting the Negro as regards the foremost place he is now holding upon the stage in the vaudeville line, the Philadelphia Evening Telegraph remarked the following: "For melody he leaves his average white rival far in the rear; as a nimble dancer, he is a poem; as a low comedian, he possesses a natural drollery that never fails to raise laughter; and as a mimic, he has more adaptiveness than the majority of whites. But these qualities are nearly all vaudeville merits, and to vaudeville the Negro naturally takes, as a duck to water. What an emphatic success he is in his own peculiar line is being abundently demonstrated.

"But only once has the Negro race produced a genius so transcendent that the haughty tragic stage was conquered by his tread. That man was Ira Aldridge, born in Bell Air, Md., ninety-two years ago. Before he died in Poland in 1869, all Europe was at his feet. One week before he was to have sailed for this country from England, death overtook him and his brothers here lost a beacon that might have shown for ages in the dark night of their existence, like the memory of Douglass.

"There is one thing these singers and dancers of the vaudeville are doing to-day in humble fashion, it is true, but in a measure nevertheless. They are preparing the way with managers and public, for the next Ira Aldridge who appears, not in Europe this time, but in the land, where, it seems, their salvation must be wrought out. Some day a manager with the courage of his opinions and the talent for exploiting a star, will discover the second Ira among the bulrushes of Maryland or Kentucky, or the North; and then the Negro will be on the legitimate stage, and of it."

This, then, is a minature review of what the Negro by dint of energy, push and intellectual accumen, has accomplished among the vanguards of earth's toilers. It is certainly a quarter of a century's record, that not alone the Negro race, but all nations of the world can look upon with a just sense of pride and be proud of it.

Isaac Johnson or "Ike" as he is more widely and familiarly known among his associates, is the leading bicycle instructor of New York City and Newport, R. I.; having as it seems rode right into society, for his pupils are of the wealthiest of both cities.

Mme Sissieretta Jones, the "Black Patti" like Jenny Lind, Adelina Patti, and Adelaide Neilson, has sung before crowned heads of the old world, as well as the leading families of the United States.

While I cannot admit that the race in journalism has yet produced a newspaper that is on a peer with the Anglo-American journals, yet as a true representative of race literature and news gathering The Freeman holds a place peculiarly its own, and so, therefore I must concede it to be the Ne plus ultra in Negro journalism.

And while we cannot yet point to a Negro President of the United States, or a Vice-President, nor even a member of the President's Cabinet, we can point with pride to a Governor, Congressmen, Senators, Register of the Treasury, Embassadors, Consuls and minor other important political positions, and as there is an old but trite saying that there is nothing impossible under the sun, for even stranger things than this have happened. While in the meantime does this not all serve to show unmistakable signs that:

"Ethiopia will continue to stretch forth her hand?"

EDWARD ELMORE BROCK.

Closing of the Douglass School.

Sherman, Tex., Special.

Prof. A. C. Bell of Denton, was in the city last week. He made a short address at the C. M. E. church Sunday school. The A. M. E. church is conducting a revival. Several preachers are assisting Rev. E. W. Wright. The protracted meeting has closed at the C. M. E. church with 48 conversions. The closing exercises at the Fred Douglass public school the 28th inst., promises to be a grand affair. Rev. J. L. Burrell has gone to New Orleans on business. Miss M. Jones, sister of Mrs. Ed. Cook, passed through the city from school en route to Dennison. Rev. L. J. Kirkpatrick, pastor of the M. E. church, is conducting a protracted meeting. Revs. S. N. Floyd, A. M., and L. B. Maxwell of Georgia, were in the city in the interest of the International Sunday School Association. Messrs. Seals and Williams are conducting a neat cafe. The Sherman literary exercises are commendable every Thursday night. Sherman is to have her electric line extended eleven miles and a brick power house. Rev. V. M. Cole of Paris, was in the city last week in the interest of the International Order of Twelve. The Grand Lodge will convene the 11-12 inst. Quite a crowd is expected.

Home Missionary Society Organized.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Special.

Mrs. Graham returned to her home in Paw Paw Friday. Cora Ash, of Day, Mich., will spend the summer in this city. Mrs. Myrtle Phillips left Monday for Muncie, Ind., to visit her parents. Rev. J. J. Hill and wife have returned from Marion, Ind. Fred. Busbee, of Benton Harbor, is in the city. The Frederick Douglass Club will meet Tuesday evening. Mrs. L. H. Lewis is improving slowly. The three-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs T. Hackley died the 30th ult., and was buried Sunday at River Side cemetery. Skyler King and Mrs. Melvina King, of Lawton, attended the funeral of their nephew, Calvin Hackley. Mrs. Amos Stewart gave a dinner Monday in honor of Rev. Mrs Lillian Thurman, of Jackson; Mrs. Charles Clanton, of Adrain, and Cleopatria Lewis. Mrs. Alethia Hedgpeth gave a 6 o'clock tea in honor of Rev. Mrs. Thurman. Mrs. Thurman lectured at the A. M. E. church Monday evening to a fair sized audience. After the lecture she organized a Home Missionary society with a large number of members.

The Douglass Lyceum.

Keokuk, Ia., Special.

The funeral of the infant child of Prof. Barnes occurred Monday at 2:30 o'clock from the family home on North Ninth street. Rev. G. M. Tillman officiated. Mrs. Tichnor of Bushnell, Ill., attended the reception of Mr. and Mrs. F D. Bland. W. M. Vaughn, after visiting his mother and friends two weeks, has returned to his home in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Douglass Lyceum rendered a short program April 27. "Resolved, That the Negro has more right to complain of ill-treatmnt than the Indian." Affirmative, Mr. Young; negative, L. Lowe. Judges, Mrs. Tillman, Lowe and John Franklin. A. Drain addressed the club on the progress it is making. Miss Ida Lowe delivered an oration. Miss Sadie Benthen is home again. P. Davis of Ft. Madison was in the city Sunday to attend the annual sermon of the Odd Fellows. The Y. M. T. C. Club gave a concert the 29th which was fairly well attended.

Pleasantly Surprised.

Hamilton, O., Special.

Mrs. Wm. Coleman was tendered a surprise and pound donation party last Monday evening. A nice lunch was served the guests. She was presented with many handsome presents. The literary society met last Thursday evening. Rev. Wm. Coleman preached an able sermon to the ladies last Sunday evening. Mrs. Wm. Coleman and Mrs. C. Jackson spent last Sunday at Dayton with friends. The young ladies' sewing circle met Thursday at Miss R. Craig's. The women's sewing circle met Friday at the church. The Baptist church gave a social last Saturday evening.

Will Give a May Pole.

Clarinda, Ia., Special.

The Second Baptist church will give a May Pole to-night and a grand supper also. The A. M. E. church gave a social Friday evening. Mr. Baker and family who was washed out by the high water has moved back again. Mr. Cason is no better. Miss Bell Cason is improving. Miss Edna Jones is improving. Mrs. Mendenhall and Mrs A. Cartmill are on the sick list. The communion was held at the Second Baptist church last Sunday. Quarterly meeting will be held at the A. M. E. church to-morrow.

THE NEGRO'S PANACEA

IDEAS AS ADVANCED BY BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

Are Not Abortive—Mistaken Ideas—The Road of the Reformer a Stormy One—A Fair Illustration of Tuskegee Normal.

Prominence in a certain line or individuality in a particular plane of thought does not bring with it universal commendation or even appreciation. The road of the reformer or propagandist is a stormy one, and if perchance there rises one here and there who gains the esteem of the majority of the deep thinking world, an army of detractors and defamers spring up, generally among those who are or would be most benefitted by the reforms propagated.

This is true of no one man more than of Booker T. Washington. While he stands as the apostle of the dignity of labor and as the man above men who has placed the Negro in his true light before the public, among many of the thinking men and women of his own race, he is misunderstood, misjudged and correspondingly depreciated. This is not altogether due to jealousy of his fame, or to a racial tendency to pull down wherever one has builded. It springs from a general belief that he is attempting to decry higher education for the Negro; to place manual training before mental development; to toady to the Caucasian idea of the "hewers of wood;" to apologize in fact, for the existence of the Negro in the United States. Booker T. Washington has been called more than once the "National Apologist."

There is a certain amount of resentment felt among this class against Mr. Washington because of the mistaken idea that he is attempting to settle the race problem by laughing down all previous attempts the Negro has made of elevation, that the collegiate, the professional man, the politician, the men in brief who have made anything like a mark in the world are alike objects of his contempt and derision. Suppose our fathers had begun at the bottom as he recommends, many of them reason, could he have a learning to-day? It is a false notion they have that industrial education overlaps and crowds out all other culture. So Tuskegee comes in for a large amount of scorn and dislike from the "new school" as this particular class is called. Perhaps very few realize the exact amount of thought and energy that must of necessity be put into a problem so deep as the one with which Mr. Washington is grappling. Here is a man who with one full comprehensive glance, regardless of details or minor effects, sees the majority of a people struggling in an ignorance and under conditions which strike home to his deepest sympathies. Here is at the same time a very insignificant minority who have risen with almost phenomenal rapidity to remarkable success. Speak to them of the squalid conditions of the majority and they answer you with statistics. Why there are so many of us who are doctors, so many lawyers; we own so much property; this number of us are college graduates. Until this one man appeared, how few of them realized the almost impassable gulf between a successful Negro lawyer and a hopelessly ignorant plantation darkey. It was Mr. Washington's mission to bridge the gulf.

Seeing the condition of the Southern plantation Negro, he determined to raise them up—if not to the height of professional and official life, at least to the standard of clean, healthy, moral living. There was no way to do this save to teach them the best way to keep themselves. With a well-defined idea and an embryonic school he started out. It is just this that has caused the man to have so many detractors—not in the spirit of the minnows carping at the whale, but to them he seems fundamentally wrong. He is radical, they say, he apologizes, he overturns previous work and sets in the place of the noble idol of statesmanship, the more utilitarian and less beautiful one of common toil. Mr. Washington has never taken the trouble to explain the detail idea of his work to the general public, and of course, they must take him for what he represents to individual mentalities—no more. Imbued with the one set and well defined purpose—to place Tuskegee on a solid basis and keep the school going, he may be blamed a little for not taking the time to define the steps of his reasoning. A boy must be made to work at common trades, says Mr. Washington. How many realize that he means, not the better class boy of the cities, with all of home training and culture and breeding behind him; with father and mother to instill proper pride into his mind, but the child of the class which receives so little notice and help and gets so much blame for the statistical short-comings of the race.

That this particular people can be advanced to the highest standard obtained by others, Mr. Washington admits, though he is not usually credited with thinking as much. Apparently, beyond the acquisition of property and pure utilitarianism, he seems to go no further, yet his view of the whole field is comprehensive and large enough to embrace culture from hoeing a potato row to arguing abstruse German philosophy. The subject matter of the ground-work, the fundamental principles, have laid so closely to his heart that he has failed to put many of his listeners and readers in touch with the ultimate motive.

The whole idea has been summed up by an eminent divine in these words: "Here are a

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BLIND TOM IN RETIREMENT.

His Characteristic Diversions in His Contented Old Age—He is Extremely Moral and Religious.

From the New York Sun.

"What has become of Blind Tom?" This question is often asked by old theater-goers, who remember the days before the war when the gifted musical idiot was the star attraction in lyceumns, town halls and lecture rooms, with which the simpler tastes of most amusement seekers of those times were satisfied.

Tom was only a lad then, a slave of a Georgia planter, and his mental weakness, together with his blindness, served to increase the interest of those who saw and heard this ignorant little fellow, with unerring touch, draw from the pianoforte its sweetest and most melodious strains as well as its grandest and solemn harmonies.

The question as to Blind Tom's whereabouts can be answered best by a tall, broad-shouldered, neatly-dressed colored man, whose gray hair and sightless eyes increase the impressiveness of his appearance in a comfortable cottage at the Highlands of Navesink, on the New Jersey side of the lower New York bay. This elderly colored man is the Blind Tom of today, and for several years he has lived there in ease and comfort with his guardian, Mrs. Eliza Lerche, who was appointed ten years ago by Justice Andrews, of the Supreme Court, as committee of the person and property of the musician. She was then the widow of John G. Bethume, who had charge of Blind Tom for many years, and the old man was given into her care only after a long legal struggle with her father-in-law, James N. Bethume.

When Mrs Bethume took charge of Tom she found that his popularity as a public attraction had greatly waned, owing to the fact that he had been before the public for many years, and that his former managers had made all the money they could out of the peculiar musical talent of the simple-minded colored man, without preserving his value as an attraction by replacing his wornout repertoire with more modern musical pieces. Tom was also getting old, and was physically worn out by the night and day travel consequent on one-night stand performances. He had been handed over to Mrs. Bethume with no money and no property, personal or otherwise, out of the hundreds of thousands of dollars which he had earned during the previous quarter of a century. So it was necessary to keep him at work a little while longer to provide for his future maintenance in case he became disabled by age or infirmities, and also to enable him to take care of his old mother, who was still alive in one of the Southern states, and looked to Tom for support.

About three years ago Mrs. Bethume, who was then Mrs. Lerche, having married Albert J. Lerche, the lawyer who had fought her legal battles in the courts, had saved enough money to warrant the temporary withdrawal of Blind Tom from the amusement world, so that he might recover his health, and at the same time familiarize himself with modern musical compositions.

Tom enjoys his long rest after so many years of incessant travel and work. He does very little visiting among his neighbors and receives few callers at the cottage. He finds sufficient companionship in his piano. He passes hours at a time at the piano, playing his old pieces and practicing new ones. Occasionally he attempts improvisation, but even then the imitative faculty predominates, as the notes he picks out are usually the reproduction of sounds that he has heard. His best effort in this line was the piece entitled, "What the Wind and Waves Told Tom," in which he imitated the whistling of the wind, the roaring of the waves, the howling storm and the crash of thunder.

When not at the piano Tom amuses himself by imitating the small talk of women and other visitors to the Lerche cottage. He holds imaginary receptions, at which the weather, new styles in dress and like topics are discussed by the imaginary visitors, as imitated by Tom, in a way that is very comical, but he will not do it if he knows there is anyone listening to him.

In spite of his advanced years and his reserved, formal demeanor in company, Tom is merely an overgrown child, and has to be carefully watched by a male nurse, specially hired for that purpose. He has all the selfishness of a spoiled child, and is jealous of any attention paid to anyone else in his presence. He has little natural affection, and cares only for those who minister directly to his wants. He is willing that his mother should be taken care of out of the money he has earned, but he does not wish to have her or his brother and sister near him, for fear that they may annoy him or prevent his being the sole object of the attentions of those around him. With the exception of this childlike selfishness, Blind Tom is extremely moral and religious in his habits and disposition. He never eats without first offering a prayer, and on Sundays will play only church music on his piano. He will have nothing to do with anyone who drinks liquor, and will quickly order from the room any person who uses profane or improper language in his presence. He is usually very polite, but cannot abide a bore, and when a member of the long-winded fraternity tries to make him a victim of his talk, the big blind man brings his tormentor up with a round turn by saying very abruptly: "Well now, you have talked long enough, good-bye!"

It was only after the conclusion of Mrs. Lerche's long legal contest that mother and son were together again for the first time since Tom's infancy, but after the novelty of their reunion had worn away it was evident that their tastes and temperaments were so utterly at variance that there was little likelihood of their living happily together. Fate had kept them apart too long. Tom's clouded mind could not realize what his mother had suffered during this long separation. Fourscore years of life had made her a withered-up, irritable old woman, set in her ways, and not at all reconciled to the fact that she found the baby for whom she had mourned so many years turned into a prematurely aged man, fixed in his habits and strangely lacking in the natural affection he should have for her. So Charity Wiggins went back to her old home in Georgia to live with her other children, whose ways she understands.

Rhubarb pie is ripe.

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The strawberry grows more frequent in the short-cake.

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The cycling flirt is very much in evidence.

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Tailors often place their suits in the hands of lawyers.

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Sharpers are naturally most successful with dull victims.

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The fellow who is taking bl-icyce lessons is seldom stuck on his wheel.

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Many a young man aspires to be a pugilist, but just ask him to beat a carpet.

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The college student may be a credit to his class and yet be a debit to his father.

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A burning question of the hour—"Shall we continue to keep the furnace going?"

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Say! dat wuz a heart-disease finish. Don't do it agen, youse Phillies, ur some bloke'll do a quick croak.

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In 1897.—Bloomer girl—"Gracious, but she's old-fashioned, isn't she?" The Other—"I should say so; why her flying machine is a last year's model."

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Hobbs—"What do you want to study shorthand and typewriting for?" Slodds—"I intended to join the Cuban army, and those branches will be useful during a battle."

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Nell—"Flora's going on the stage." Belle—"I didn't know she had any talent." Nell—"She hasn't but her aunt, the great actress, has died, and left Flora her entire wardrobe."

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This young man has been spoiled." said the King. Ay! that he has," he continued; "he is very much overdone." Thereupon his Cannibalistic Majesty summoned his cook and read him the riot act

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When a fellow discovers that a girl is as sweet as sugar he shouldn't be lacking in sand.—Philadelphia, Record.

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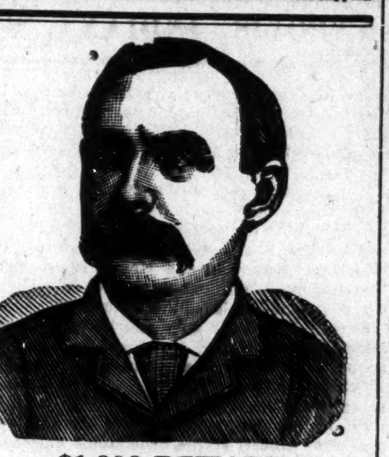

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Sincerely, Albert Ayers,
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Sincerely, Mrs. Barrett,
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A Concensus of Opinion in Favor of the Negro Since Emancipation—The Two Colored Cadets.

EDITOR FREEEAN:

Regardless of the past and present condition of affairs in the Southland, and indeed in all lands where Ethiopia's banner floats, there is yet a hope of a brighter and by far a most glorious day.

When the signal gun of the civil war was fired at Ft. Sumpter, a reformation was begun in America, and ever since that day, slowly, but surely its advance has been apparent. It has been wisely said that a law should not be broken, even if it is a bad one, so long as it is a law; but unfortunately a part of our great nation, and at one time the whole of it, felt differently, and acted accordingly. As God is the foundation and author of all good laws, whether common, natural or moral, they were not allowed to go unpunished. It took the blood of nearly a million of able bodied men to erase the stain of the nation's sin, and I honestly believe that nearly every man who took a part in this evil, has, if he is true to his conviction, heartily repented.

I have often heard slave holders say, after noting the commendable progress made by the dusky race in so short a time, that they were very glad indeed that slavery had faded from the lovely shores of America, and I believe they felt and meant what they said. Heretofore they had allowed themselves to be blindfolded with a bondage of evil simply for the sake of enlarging their estate, and not until they were poverty stricken and dispossessed of their prey did they see their wrong. Shortly after the war, as you all know, another reformation was made which was the adoption of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments, giving the freedmen the right of citizenship, of which they have proved themselves full worthy.

Now if you will begin right here and note their advancement in nearly ever phase of human progress, and judging the future by it, I believe that you too will say that the outlook is bright. I often allow the thought of the outrage that has been perpetrated against my race in the South, from the beginning of the days of reconstruction to the present, to discourage me. After this comes the encouraging thought that there is a God, who will at some future time destroy this monter of evils and give its servants their just punishment. I am further encouraged as I see the white people, not only those of the North, but those who favored and fought for the maintenance of slavery, contributing so largely of their money and talent for the support of schools that have been founded even on the rebel's battle ground, for the enlightenment of the children of their former slaves.

The assertion that "the laws, and not mobs, are to punish criminals," made by President McKinley in his inaugural address, is an indication of a brighter day. I believe that the day is not far distant when true worth and not the color of a man's skin will secure for him an honorable position in life. As a proof of this we have the civil service law through which many a young aspiring colored youth have gained positions of honor and trust. The honest thinking Southern white man has been made to believe that the dusky slave, to whose care he had entrusted his wife and children while he was fighting to keep him in thralldom, can be trusted with the nation's affairs, as a result of this, the civil service law has been established in some of the Southern states, and Ham's children have not let the opportunity pass to compete with their white sisters and brothers, regardless of the existence of unpleasant feelings. Now friends, let us be honest with ourselves and not measure the white race from the standard by which they have judged us; if we do we will be doing very, very wrong. When one of our number is caught stealing, the members of our race, good and bad, are branded as thieves. The same is true when other crimes are committed. Now let us not call all of the white people bitter enemies and lynchers simply because a large number of them have engaged in such; nor call them all criminals and disturbers of law and order because a few hundred of them create strikes, riots, etc. My teacher once told me that the best way to win the friendship of one who would do me an injury, would be to treat him as kindly as possible, and finally he would become ashamed of his own unmanly courage, and if there was ever a true saying, this is one. Now I think that this spirit could be easily and rightly applied to settle many of the disturbances between the races in the South.

I don't mean that my race should remain silent and receive any kind of treatment from the hands of the other race, but that we should not act unfairly in settling these difficulties if the others do. If we are mistreated as American citizens, we have a right to appeal to the laws of the land for protection. You know as well as I do that the greater number of our leaders and would-like-to-be leaders are bent on calling indignation meetings which do nothing in the world but excite the people and create prejudice between the races. If the people want to come together and show their disapproval of certain acts, let them do so in the right spirit, and not shove the musket down the brother's throat without giving him a chance to repent. First, there ought to be cool, deliberate thinking before any action is taken.

The old proverb holds good which says, "Think twice and speak once." In 1893 a colored man was lynched at my home, Bristol, Tenn., by the name of Rob Clark. He was accused of insulting a white woman, but as to whether the report was true or not was never proven; nevertheless, Judge Lynch, who is brutal and unfair in judgment, wreaked his vengence upon the poor man. This is the first I ever saw and I sincerely hope it will be the last. The brutality of the act was indeed appalling. This raised the colored people and they prepared to hold an indignation meeting that night in the Odd Fellows' hall, but before the time arrived the white people had placed a few men on the corners of the streets with shot guns, and not a man would go to the hall, and not one of the lynchers were ever brought to justice. This convinced me that the idea of holding indignation meetings without taking time to think what is best to be done, is mere foolishness. But after all of this, the beams of a brighter day are visible. So let us, if possible, forget the ugly past and look to the future with hope. Its treasury is full and it beckons us to advance and be of good courage. It is gratifying to know that two colored boys are likely to enter the Annapolis Military Academy as Cadets. This goes to prove that in spite of prejudice the race is advancing, and some of the best white people of the country are its warmest friends.

ABRAHAM KENDRICK.

Hampton, Va.

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Justin McCarthy, the Irish leader, who has been seriously ill, is showing marked improvement.

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Handicapped as Ireland is, she can boast of the largest shipbuilding and the largest brewery concerns of the world.

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Hon. Thomas Bayard, laid the cornerstone of a building for epileptics at Chalfont, London, May 6, and Mrs. Bayard opened the home recently erected for women.

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The case against Lieutenant Eloff, the grandson of President Kruger, who was charged with slandering the Queen of England, has been dismissed on the ground that the evidence was conflicting.

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In Japan all classes of employes will work 66 hours a week without protest. In textile work the Japanese have long been famous for their skill and amenability to discipline. The cost of labor runs from a minimum of 5 cents to a maximum of 35 cents per day for 11 hours (United States currency value.) The average will not in my opinion exceed 17 cents.

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The Jamaica Advocate says "a supreme effort is being made by a few of your colored countryman and women, to establish a middle grade school for colored girls in Spainish town near Kingston, a step by which we are convinced, that we can most effectually assist in raising the social conditions of our race. The school has been in existance for one year. Seventeen young ladies have been in attendance. The education imparted was of a high class standard, and all who have been interested in the work, and visited the school, have pronounced the work 'very good.' On the reopening of the institution on the 25th inst., it is proposed to add another section to the school."

At the Gate of the Delta.

In Vicksburg, Miss., there are thousands of Afro-Americans who, having lost their belongings in the flood, are now homeless and suffering. Many of this number have been taken care of by charitable people who are still doing all that they can on this line. But an appeal is sent to every one who has anything to give to the sufferers, and a committee with Rev. O. Williams, chairman, situated at 1223 S. Washington street, Vicksburg, Miss., will receive and judiciously distribute anything that may be sent to them. You should aid the cause. Rev. Rucks is vice chairman; W. M. Reaggent, Rev. T. A. Young, G. W. Easley, secretary.

IN DEEP WATERS.

The Overflowing Districts Causing Want—Colored People Starving—Work for Missionaries.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

Notwithstanding the fact that thousands of acres of the most fertile lands in all the South are already inundated daily and hourly, hundreds and hundreds of acres are being slowly but surely submerged by the on rushing waters, and owing to the lateness of the season makes the fact a serious contemplation with the prospects of no crops, unless the water early begins to recede. From a few miles below Memphis, Tenn., to Vicksburg, Miss., and from the Mississippi to the Yazoo river, this vast teritory of fine and highly cultivated land has been turned into a remarkable "Inland Sea" by the mighty inrush waters through crevasses in the levees along the banks of the great "Father of Waters," the Mississippi river, to say nothing of the over flowed districts in Arkansas and Louisana. The condition is indeed a pitiable one, when one realizes the fact that nearly forty thousand people have been made homeless, for the time being. Having had to desert their homes to avert the direful prospects of watery graves. In many places the water is from three to fifteen feet deep. And more than seven percent of these sufferers are Negroes with not a cent in their pockets, not a morsel or meal in their barrels, save the weekly pittiance given out at the government stations established along the overflowed districts for the purpose of feeding the hungry and suffering.

It will be remembered that last year was a most favorable one for farmers in this section of the Delta, and about 65 percent of these colored people who are suffering cleared enough money to have supplied them decently until July or August. But the first of March found them entirely dependent upon the white man for his daily bread. They having spent their hard earned money as fast as it was paid them, in the various stores, lunch houses and whiskey shops, the two later being their most frequent resorts. The wife and children get little or none of this hard earned money, that they have been driven to make by the whip, the pistol and overseer commonly known here as agents. If one not accustomed to the ways of the plantation Negro should visit here during the fall season, he would at once be awestricken at the way in which thousands of dollars of money would be utterly thrown away. As soon as the harvesting season is over few colored people of this class has a cent in which to subsist on. And very shortly after he is seen with hat in one hand, and scratching his head with the other, entering the white man's store or commissary to again bind himself wife and child for another twelve months to be driven and knocked about. Of course we have thousands of intelligent colored people here, who are greatly improving their condition, and who own farms and lands of their own. I do not refer to this class. But we have a class of shiftless people who believe in having what they call a good time, spending all they make and fast as they make it. These are the people that are always at the mercy of every disaster. I simply recall these facts to show how much suffering could be avoided if we were only taught to observe stricter economy. It is to be hoped that all who have felt the pangs of hunger caused by the floods will learn from the ant to prepare for the rainy dy. I also desire to say that while African shores are being invaded by missionaries; we have much hard work here, and the sooner they turn their time and attention in this direction, the better for the Afro-Americans everywhere. Very truly

W. I. DEVOLENTE.

Washington County, Miss.

News for the Week.

Meridian, Miss., Special.

The debate at the Lincoln School Building last Friday night was largely attended. Subject, "Resolved, That liquor selling should be punished as a crime;" affirmative, W. Rounds, J. W. Irby; negative, O. L. Irby and J. S. Clarke. The judges were G. W. Shoemake, J. S. Clayborn and Miss Lucy Towner, who decided in favor of the negative. The wife of Rev. Pink Colwell is dead. C. W. Parish spent the 18th in Vicksburg. The Pilgrim Progress Baptist church will commence their revival Sunday, May 9, with Rev. D. G. Griffin at the head. Rev. Watson of New Hope Baptist church, will preach his farewell sermon Sunday night, May 9th. There was a grand rally last Sunday. The jury in the Ellebee murder case brought in a verdict of guilty, and he was sentenced to the penitentiary for life. He was tried for the murder of J. P. Steel on Feb. 13th last. Rev. Bryant Green of Georgia preached a splendid sermon at New Hope Baptist church the 25th ult. to a large congregation. The Musical Enterprising Social Club entertained at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Parrish the 20th ult., at which time J. A. Buchanan sang a solo. Mrs. D. C. Ceiser read the Star. The officers are: P. W. Ivy, president; C. W. Parish, vice president; Miss Anna Crawford, secretary; Mrs. E. G. Parrish, treasurer; Miss Nora McDonald, critic; Mrs. A. E. W. Nelson, musical director. L. S. Nelson, who has been cut off from Meridian on account of high water came home on the 23rd ult. The supper and concert given at New Hope Baptist church on the 22nd by the young ladies was well attended. The older members gave a supper the 29th. The B. Y. P. U. of New Hope Baptist church led by Hon. J. C. Hill was largely attended the 25th. Rev. Bryant Green made a short address. A meeting of the citizens was held at St. Paul church the 28th to raise money for the flood sufferers. Rev. W. E. Stanton has been quite sick. Mt. Salem M. E. church is holding a revival with Rev. S. H. Cannon at the head. W. B. Burrell and Miss Minnie Joseph were married at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cathey Wednesday evening April 21, Rev. W. H. Coleman, pastor of the A. M. E church, officiating. Mr. Burrell is a prominent employe of the Mutual Lumber Co., and is well known, and is the only son of James Burrell. Miss Joseph is a favorite in society. A host of friends attended the wedding. They received a number of useful presents. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Burrell our hearty congratulations. H. Carr and Miss Persia Williams were married at New Hope Baptist church, Thursday evening April 29. Mr. Carr is an ex-teacher in the Wechler colored public schools Miss Williams is a favorite in Meridian social circles. The annual sermon of Odd Fellows was preached at St. Paul A. M. E church by Rev. Watson. Mrs. Lizzie Adams, Mrs. Francis James and Mrs. Jane Peterson are on the sick list.

Wedding in High Life.

Carthage, Mo., Special.

Miss Pearl Jackson and Henry Waddington were united in marriage April 22 at 7:30, Rev. Berry of the Baptist church performing the eeremony. Over thirty invited guests were present. The bride was attired in a beautiful white swiss dressed trimmed with ribbons to match. The groom was dresssed in the usual black. The parlor was tastefully decorated with flowers and pictures. The bride is one of the first young ladies of the city. The groom is a prosperous young man of Topeka, Kan. They will make their home for the present at the home of the bride's parents on Centennial avenue. It is rumored that there will be another wedding soon. Mrs. Rosa Jackson, the talented young elocutionist, will give a reception at her home soon. Several young people from Columbus, Parsons, and Oswego, Kan., have been invited. Mrs. Sarah Hancock is taking advantage of the nice weather and can be seen quite often on the boulevard on her bicycle. J. R. Adams is dangerously sick at his home on Howard street. Granville Webb, one of the most prominent men in the city, has purchased a share in the Colored Mining Co. Mr. Webb is one of the most prosperous men in the city. He is fairly well fixed financially. He owns a nice cottage in the south part of the city. The colored boys have just organized a base ball team. Prof. W. T., principal of the colored schools of Joplin, spent a few hours in the city. He was formerly principal of Lincoln schools, this city. Prof. G. W. Wade is making preparations for commencement exercises of Lincoln school to be held at the Baptist church in May. The Baptist Sunday school will give a picnic in May. U. B. Mason, Grant Grammar and Fred Blair have been appointed by the school to select a suitable place. The Sunday school is in a prosperous condition. Rev. Berry, W. B. Mason and Superintendent Grammar are doing all they can for the good of the school. Miss Ella M. King and Miss Sydvor have joined the army of bicyclists. Mrs. Rosa Jackson expects to visit friends at Independence, Kan., soon. Lincoln school will have only one graduate this year—Rust Cain.

Easter Entertainment.

Dyersburg, Tenn., Special.

All of the churches observed Easter. The revival at the M. B. church under the management of the pastor, Rev. Wm. Baker is doing much good. The following Easter program was rendered at 3 p. m. at the C. P. church: Song by the choir; reading and prayer by the pastor; Easter song, Chester White; "The Savior's Tomb," Gertrude Moore; "Death," Martha Fouwlks; "After Easter," Lucy Smith; "Ring Easter Bells," Lillie McCalley; "At Easter Times," Rosa L. Fouwlks; "Easter Lillies," Benny Stratten; recitation, Lucy A. Parker; "Jesus Knows," Eva Thompson; "My Messenger," Lottie McCalley; "Easter is Beaming," Beulah Brewer; "Christ is Risen," Lizzie Smith; recitation, Mary Smith; "Easter Bells," Nettie Ledsinger; recitation eight girls; "Origin of Easter," Rev. H. Barnett. Collection $2.

Tuskegee Normal Notes.

Tuskegee, Ala., Special.

The annual address will be delivered this year by Mr. Chas. W. Anderson, a graduate of Yale College, and who was the private secretary of the State Treasurer of New York. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Mr. Amory H. Bradford of Montclair, New Jersey. Before leaving the school Rev. Dr. Mayo of Boston, very ably discussed the question, "How does universal education pay?" The institute receives by bequest from the late Eliza A. Haven of Portsmouth, N. H., $6,000. The John P. Slater Fund Board of Trustees has increased its appropriation to the institute to $8,000 annually.

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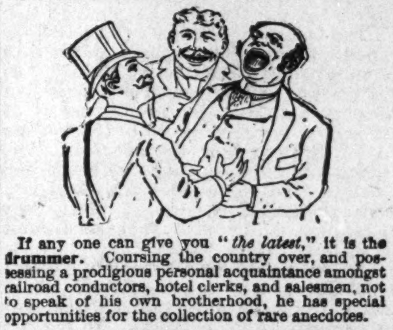
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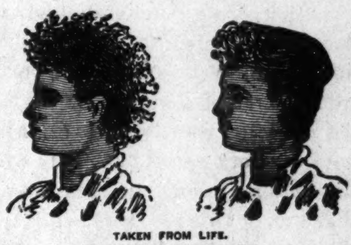
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Notices have been sent to all delinquent subscribers. If your paper fails to come in the future, you may know that your name has been dropped from our list. The Freeman will contain each week a full account of the Tennessee Centennial. Do not miss a single issue by failing to renew, but send in your renewal at once.

KNOX IN TENNESSEE.

The Nashville Citizen, of Nashville, Tenn., goes out of its way to say uncomplimentary things in regards to the visit of Mr. G. L. Knox, of The Freemon, to that city. It might have been said that Mr. Knox is an Indiana Commissioner to the Negro Department, that would have explained to some extent his interest in the movement, thus making the uncharitable expression that insinuates that he was paid to act, unnecessary. It is just as uncharitable to assert that he was kept under "Chief Hill's thumb." Mr. Knox held Mr. Hill's action as courtesy merely. He was allowed all the freedom desired in moving from point to point, and at no time feel that he was being used to any special ends. It is still more uncharitable to insist that he had himself interviewed. The truth on this point could have been ascertained readily had the editor of the Citizen been particular as to facts. The above assertions are incorrect and do a world of injustice to Mr. Knox and to the management. We can readily understand the opposition the enterprise has, and may expect to encounter, if such charges can be hatched from a visit that had no motive further than seeing for ones self, and which did not put one farthing in Mr. Knox's pocket. On this point the Director General might be consulted. It would be just as uncharitable for The Freeman to have asserted that the Citizen was "out for the coin" and that thereby hung a tale. But it may have been simply rumor. The charges in the Citizen did not even amount to rumor. They were born on the spot and nursed or fanned into the semblance of truth. Oh! for an imaginative mind. The Citizen owes Mr. Knox what he will never get—an apology for slander based only on personal conjecture. The interview spoken of so slightly may not have been a piece de resistance, but it is not arrogant or presumptuous in tone. It was not meant to put the foremost citizen in a plight nor does it do it. The Citizen only could be mean enough to insinuate that Mr. Knox meant to belittle the representative men. Mr. Knox is not cognizant of the little jealousies that may exist among the leading citizens of that place, and if he should have been would have ignored them in the interest of harmony. We subjoin the following interview as reprinted in the Citizen:

I am very glad to have been able to visit Nashville at this time to see for myself. I have heard a great deal concerning the Negro Department of the Tennessee Centennial, much that was unfavorable to it. Parties have spread the news abroad that it was to be a kind of a side show to the main Exposition, and when I come here and find the Negro Building occupying such a conspicuous place on the grounds, my wonder is that the white people are not jealous that more consideration has been given the Negroes than was shown to themselves, Indeed, the Negro Department has, as far as I can see, received every consideration it could justly ask for. The best friends of the Negroes could not expect more.

The colored race, not only of Tennessee, but of the whole Union, never before in their history had such a grand opportunity to show to the world what they have accomplished, and if they fail to take advantage of this opportunity, they alone will suffer and no one will be to blame but themselves. I am sure I cannot think of one thing more which the Negro could ask of the General Managers of the Exposition, and I cannot, for the life of me, see how any colored man anywhere can speak evil of the Negro Department at the Tennessee. Any colored leader who advises his people to do other than to make the best of this opportunity is no friend to their progress, and is standing in the way of their advancement. It is, indeed, an inspiration to me to come back again to my native State after thirty years' adsence and see the friendly spirit which seems to exist between the two races. I have been accorded the same treatment here which I would receive in Indianapolis, where I am well known. It makes me feel still that the South must be the field of the Negro's future progress.

This is the interview that has inspired the vicious editorial in the Citizen, a Negro journal. The most scrutinizing analysis of the interview is invited. Can one word be found that is derogatory in tone to any citizen any where? It is a clear case, gentlemen, a very clear case.

ET TU BRUTTI.

The last several issues of The Indianapolis Freeman have been devoted to apology for a gross libel on Revs. H. T. Johnson, editor of The Christian Record and D A. Graham formerly of this city but now pastor of the leading A. M. E. Church of Indianapolis. The offensive libel was penned by Dr. M. A. Majors. To an outsider the attempted remedy added insult to injury. The Freeman editor said that he did not read Dr. Majors letter.

According to The Freeman editor's apology, it was not until the paper came from the press that the libel was discovered in its columns. In the last issue Dr. Majors confessed that the letter he used which made grave charges of immorality against these two men was an anonymus one—that he, himself did not know the author. Yet he gleefully used such a despicable irresponsible weapon against two men of respectability. Such excuses are those a child might use, certainly not those of a responsible men who claim to be working in interest of truth, morality and justice. They add insult to the injury already done, but if they are satisfactory to Revs. Jonnson and Graham, the remainder of us should be content.—The Chicago Conservator.

Now, our fair Jezebel, what would you have done in the case? Since you were in it, don't you think it was wisdom to have acted as we did? Now, Mrs. Ida B. Wells-Barnett are you not trying to rehash a stink? Do you think we need the case reviewed? Aren't your olfactory nerves too highly strung to be nosing around in such matters? Stand to, or swing leewards—this is not your fight. The Freeman can justly say, "et tu Brutti," for we stood by Ida when things were most damnably hot for her.

Go to Nashville and attend the great Tennessee Centennial Exposition by all means. Everything is being done to make the Negro Department all that could be desired. It is one more opportunity to prove that the Negro is moving off. Tennessee was under no necessity to set aside thousands of dollars for a Negro exhibit. She has done so hoping the grateful acknowledgement of the same by the race. She should not be deceived in the matter. The effects, doubtless, will be far reaching if the tendency to sit on the wheels is as successful.

THE name of Hon. H. C. Smith, of Cleveland, O., has been presented to the President for consideration for appointment as Fourth Auditor of the Treasury Department. Mr. Smith was a member of the last Ohio legislature, serving with distinction. He was very instrumental in securing an anti-lynching law for the state. He has been active in the behalf of the Republicans for years. He is popular as his majority in his legislative contest shows.

HON. B. K. BRUCE will make the annual address at the Agricultural and Mechanical College, Normal, Ala., the 25th inst. We acknowledge an invitation to be present. The program is gotten up in a neat artistic form—a thing of beauty. President Council can well be proud of his year's work.

ALL quiet on the Potomac.

THE FREEMAN'S ELEPHANT.

The Freeman, some time ago, published a letter from the pen of the caustic Dr. M. A. Majors, of Decatur, Ill, severely attacking Drs. Johnson, of Philadelphia, and Graham, of Indianapolis, which elicited a spirited reply from Dr. Graham and a subsequent virile and inflammatory attack from Dr. Majors, until there had been a series of these attacks and replies given to the world through the Freeman. Seeing things calmly and dispassionately, we take this view of the windblown fiasco: On the surface there seems to have been some skulduggery; If Dr. Majors was not prompted to write that denunciation by other influence than his own mere fancy, then he penned it in the full knowledge that his accusations were but flagrant fabrications, manufactured from whole cloth; to gratify, perhaps, a personal prejudice that he has harbored in his bosom for years; to vent his spleen upon innocent men, that he might reach, by indirect means, other men whom he did not dare to boldly attack. Perhaps Dr. Majors wrote those letters in a hope that he would gain notoriety; in that particular Dr. Majors is vain. But on the other hand there may have been some disclosures that might have discomfitted the Freeman and placed it in a bad plight as well as a bad light before its readers.

We have a faint suspicion that a personal difference may have existed between Dr. Graham and the Freeman and that to "even up" it induced Majors to do the work for it and thus escape any responsibility. Majors wanted notoriety and the Freeman hankered for a taste of sweet revenge; so "no sooner said than done." Majors wrote the first letter, then answered Graham's reply in a manner pleasing to the Freeman and surprising to Dr. Graham. Then that agrieved and righteously indignant minister demanded that a retraction be made. The Freeman apologized by stating in an editorial anent the warring Doctors that the copy of Majors' letter was given to the compositors without having been first read by the editor in charge, thus attempting to "crawfish" from a bad deal. But the thoroughly aroused Dr. Graham was not appeased and the Freeman demanded (by letter) that Dr. Majors write the words that would condemn himself as a liar. The threatened Dr. did as commanded. Now from these two theories we draw this conclusion: The Freeman, with Dr. Majors as aide camp, connived at an intentional injury to the characters of Graham and Johnson knowingly participated in this seriocomic farce perpetrated on these two gentlemen, or else Majors has made of himself an ass and a craven. The Freeman may have accomplished its purpose and is laughing in its sleeves at all three of the Doctors; and again, both The Freeman and Majors may have the laugh; but to a man up a tree it seems that Dr. Majors knowingly or otherwise gave a club to the Freeman that somebody's else head might be hurt, and got his own cracked for his pains.—Parson's Weekly Blade.

We publish the above simply to show what the imagination can do when it gets to going. Very much like the man who started his mouth going and went off and left it. Why bless your dear soul, Dr. Graham is a fellow townsman—lately transplanted, 'tis true, but a fellow townsman for all that. We would be inclined to be savage towards the Blade was it not so very laughably funny. Just think of it trying to make a case between Dr. Graham and The Freeman. Dr. Graham entertains no such opinions. One would think The Freeman very adroit or consumately skilled in diplomacy in following such a magnificent tack as has been mapped out. No, it was just as we said, all the Drs. believe it. Peace now reigns where impending destruction brooded—nobody hurt—honor and skin intact, livelihood insured—all are laughing. Let us all have something—that is, let us dismiss the subject.

THE RULING PASSION.

Houston, Tex., last week, was the scene of one of Texas' periodical episodes in the way of lynching. 'Tis with baited breath we have awaited Texas' long cessation from hostilities—but like the sun to the day, she comes to us fresh and red handed from her wonted carnival of flesh and human blood. It seems that the victims of the lynched were this time Negroes—an old man and two girls, all of whom were murdered by Negroes, and the worst of all, the ravishment of the girls is alleged—an addition to the crime. They say these were all Negroes, so much more the pity. Thus runs the paragraph:

> For the murder of an old man in his cottage, a child in its nonage and a girl in the first flush of young womanhood, the ravishment of the two girls, the burning of the home of their victims, two of the bodies being consumed in the flames, seven young Negroes were last night sent to their doom by the hands of an infuriated mob largely composed of Negroes, the victims also being Negroes, at Sunnyside, Walter county. The dead murderers are: Fayette Rhone, 21 years old; Will Gates, 35 years old; Louis Thomas, 20 years old; Aaron Thomas, 13 years old; Jim Thomas, 14 years old; Benny Thomas, 15 years old; William Williams.

The pen refuses to take the punishers of these alleged free booters so caustically to task as has been done in the past. There arises, whether willed or not, a vague sense of duty performed in one's mind when it is known that natures so totally depraved are isolated to realms unknown. Blood is thicker than water. Our cause against the inhuman system of lynching is not near so great under such circumstances, for here we find the "infernal machine" used in the interest of our own. After all we complain most when attempts on Negro life, and characters are of but passing note. Where the righteous indignation of the citizens is aroused at all heinous offenses regardless of the color or complexion of the victim or victims, there is no special cause for protest by a special people, if the same judgement awaits all. Under such circumstances we assert as conservators of the peace at home or abroad, that the majesty of the law should be upheld. We do not even in this singular event, where a mob which was largely composed of Negroes, endeavor to mete out justice to Negroes for the outraging and slaying of Negroes, forget that the crime of the mob is as highly offensive, notwithstanding the mitigating circumstances. We feel that, in event these seven very young men were guilty of the monstrous crime with which they were charged, they have met a fitting end. But the state should have administered the punishment. The race has gained one point, but Texas is still falling and will even be considered the caudal appendage to the Union if she does not bring down her foot of disapproval on the lynching system which clings so tenaciously to her soil.

EX-GOV. PORTER DEAD.

The death of Ex-Gov. Albert G. Porter, which occurred the 3d inst., has caused profound regret in the community and throughout the state. Mr. Porter had been ill some two years. With the death of Mr. Porter Indiana looses a useful gentleman and one who has filled many positions of trust and honor. He was 73 years old.

TENNESSEE is the Mecca.

IT was simply a false alarm.

MY oraculor powers are on the wane.—Washington Bee.

I AM convicted out of my own mouth.—Washington Bee.

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TARIFF and prosperity first, money theories next. President McKinly has the right of way.

IT is said that Ex-Congressman Cheatham will be the lucky man to inherit C. H. J. Taylor's shoes.

PERSONS desiring to send relics or display to the Tennessee Centennial can leave the same at this office and ship direct to the building.

ALL the Kappai Pis, 'Sigma Chis' and other barbarians should put in play some of that undying love for the pia mater, dura mater and other heathenisms. On to Greece!

PROSPERITY at any price is the cry of wage workers. Economical niceties and hair splitting discriminations are all right for Yale and Harvard, but we have before us a condition.

"I PROPOSE to enter immediately upon your works."—McKinley to Negro constituency.

"Mars Kinley you ain't a gwine to enter none too soon."—Small voice from the man of dark complexion.

G. L. JONES, of Indianapolis, has made application of the Treasury department for appointment as auditor of naval accounts.—Indianapolis Journal.

Hon. John P. Green is said to be slated for the position of Register of the Treasury.

THE editor of The Age usually says what it means, and says it in such phrases as to be understood by those he addresses. The Indianapolis Freeman's editor would also do so, if he could.—New York Age.

Don't you use some good, choice, independent sentences sometimes? We very often do.

THE attempt to resuscitate Cleveland will end in the attempt. Mr. Cleveland was not a very offensive partisan for which he prospered, but now the country wants a man who can do more than utter rhetorical plattitudes and unique expressions. The country wants prosperity, not theories.

COCOA, FLA., must be a very mean hole to live in. It is said that the mayor and other "prominent" citizens roughly handled A. W. B. Wadkins for riding a bicycle in the streets of the city. The colored people are very much incensed over the action. Owing to the expression of Wadkins and one or two others condemning the action, they have been ordered to leave the city in twenty-four hours or suffer penalty of death.

OLIVET CHURCH DEDICATION.

The Occasion One that will Long be Remembered—Female Drill Corps Victorious—Annual Sermon.

Chicago, Ill., Special.

Olivet church, corner of Twenty-seventh and Dearborn streets, was dedicated Sunday, the 2d inst. The occasion was one that will long be remembered. The audience was very large. The school was not well attended, there being present 157; collection $21.21. At the morning service quite a number partook of the Lord's supper. Three were baptized. At the evening service the pastor, Rev. J. F. Thomas, selected for his theme Isaiah 53d chapter, 3d verse. Columbia club presented to the church $68.27; the Woman's club, $5; Dumas Star club, $51.86; table collection, $218.87; total collection, $344; $9 18 was contributed for special purposes. The B. Y. P. Union was well attended. Prof. N. B. Jones' Female Drum Corps drilled against the K. of P. Commandry. There were many people witnessed the drill. The contest was given to the ladies. The Mistletoe club has made a few changes in their officers. They are as follows: Dudley F. Oglesby, president; Miss Nettie Oats, vice-president; Miss Gracie Taylor, corresponding secretary; Aaron Landers, financial secretary The various lodges of Odd Fellows had their annual sermon preached last Sunday at Bethel church by Rev. R. C. Ransom. Mack Woods, of Peoria, is in the city visiting his wife, Edith Woods. Mr. Woods will probably locate in Chicago. Mrs. Carrie Dent, corner Eighteenth and Armour avenue, died suddenly recently. Wm. Powers, under sentence of death for murder, was baptized last week by Rev. J. E. Ford. Mrs. Gus Yancey is at the point of death at Provident hospital. R. M. Mitchell, formerly Supreme Chancellor of the K. of P.'s, has been appointed assistant prosecuting attorney by Mayor Harrison, to succeed F. A. Dennison, resigned. Miss Alberta Moore, deputy assessor under Hepburn, has been retained by Assessor Gunning, the Democrat who succeeded Mr. Hepburn. Mrs. Willam Stewart is on the sick list.

The Ministerial Institute.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

The Ministerial Institute at the A. M. E. church was quite entertaining. Several papers of worth were presented. Among those present were Revs. J. T. Gilmore, E. R. Norman, J. A. Jones, E. Smith, —— Edwards, and T. W. Haigler M. D. Dr. Haigler while here gave an exhibition in which he hypnotized several of the audience. He showed clever powers. Rev. B. A. J. Nixon delivered the vows to about forty young people last Sabbath. His baptizing will take place on the third Sabbath. The revival at the M. E. church continues and grows in interest each night. Rev. H. Solomon, who has been assisting, did excellent work. Rev. H. E. Harris baptized the following persons last Sabbath: Misses Celia Gilden, Harriet McKinney, Annie Gill, Lula Eakins, Irene McKinney and Lee Trail, Jr. Dr V. D. Turner will soon open a soda fountain, where all the latest drinks can be had. Rev. H. E. Harris, pastor Baptist church, has returned and performed the rite of baptism Sunday last. An African Prince, Rosanna Yarvey, exhibited African trinkets and curiosities, and lectured on the customs of the people of South Africa, at the Baptist church Monday evening, and at Allen Hall A. M. E. church Tuesday night. A very successful revival is now in progress at Scott Chapel M. E. church. Rev. H Solomon has been assisting Rev. J. W. Richmon.

The "Old Folks" Dinner.

Yazoo City, Miss., Special.

The water at this place is falling. Too much honor cannot be given Miss L. C. Williams for the fluent lecture which she delivered on last Wednesday evening in the M. E. church. Her subject which was "Womans Work" was well handled. Miss Williams is an eloquent speaker, her language is chaste, her thoughts deep and her expressions very clear. All news or letters for The Freeman will please be handed to Mrs. P. O. Jamison by Tuesday of each week. J A. Martin, jr., is on the sick list. The Yazoo Reading Circle will soon undergo some changes. Take a new name and unite with the National Woman's Association. Mrs. P. O. Jamison writes for The Freeman. Mrs. J. A. Martin gave a dinner for the "old folks" which was a novelty and also an enjoyable affair. Mrs. Lucy Winn and Fletcher Scott are on the sick list The fireman's supper, given at the M. and T. Hall was a financial success, having taken in about $40. Mr. Phil Clark had collected the largest amount, he also succeeded in getting the finest cake. A large number from the city attended. Mrs. Buffington's school closed on last Friday. Mr. Jones escorted Miss Jennie Calcourte and they report a fine time.

Sunday School Convention.

Dekalb, Tex., Special.

The Circuit Sunday school convenconvened here and was quite a success. Everything was well carried out. An extensive program was rendered. The vicinity was highly pleased with the proceedings.

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50 Years of Cures.

THE NEGRO'S PANACEA.

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certain class of people at a certain point; the object is to carry them forward to another point, the highest known. Physical law is such that it is well-nigh impossible to jump at one bound from the lowest to the highest. So we must carry them forward step by step, apparently advancing little at first, but surely arriving at the final aim."

This is the fairest illustration of the Tuskegee idea, to carry the plantation class step by step, inch by inch to the highest point of ambition where the students can then satisfy their aroused needs. What a great pity it seems that more do not realize to the fullest extent exactly what the aim of the work is. That instead of pulling down the old ideals of collegiate and professional success, it leads up to it by an easier and more natural source, providing in addition to the taste for refined and artistic living and luxuries, the means to procure them. It is, perhaps, Mr. Washington's fault that in his magnificent grasp and interest in the whole, the means to secure the end, he has failed to altogether make clear the parts of his idea to those who are sitting by with eyes narrowed to discern depreciable defects. For one who has been on the other side, misunderstanding with those who have set themselves up as judges, it is a remarkable thing to emerge from the clouds of ignorance, to comprehend the true inwardness of Tuskegee and the motives of the work. When one is able to not only grasp the whole, but to be brought in touch with the steps of reasoning, the parts, which form the whole, the full light of the idea bursts in clearness upon one's mental vision. If more could be brought to understand the difference between decrying highest culture, and leading up to it from a solid foundation, Mr. Washington's work would be even more appreciated than it is. Still the spirit of truth and right which the latter is pervaded is so strong, until in spite of misunderstandings now, it will finally prevail. Whether the reasoning be deductive or inductive, the depreciators will in turn be convinced.

ALICE RUTH MOORE.

Death of an Infant.

Logansport, Ind., Special.

Mrs. Louis Pettiford, Mrs. Mariah Chapman, and Infant Mary Jones are on the sick list. Chester Keen has accepted a position as porter at L. G. Brook's barber shop Henry Hill of Wabash passed through the city last week. Duncan A. Trottman of Chicago, is spending a few days in the city. Martin Rodgers of Wabash has accepted a position at B. Porter's drug store. Harry, the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Parker, after three week's illness with an attack of spinal mengitis, died April 23. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. L. Pettiford of the A. M. E. church. Mrs. Minnie Christman has returned to her home in Kalamazoo, Mich, after a week's visit with her sister, Mrs. Celia Parker. John Swoller, who holds a carpenter's lien on Willis Tutt's property, has ordered the place sold for carpenter work.

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Normal News Notes.

Normal, Ala., Special.

Rev. George Clark of Memphis, Tenn., traveling missionary of the Congregational church visited here. President Councill will give three lectures to the Epworth Training Assembly at Luddington, Mich., during the months of July and August. His first will be "Negro Education in the South," 2nd, "The Negro Problem, What is it?" third, "How I Helped Myself." The art class under the management of Miss C. C. Duncan will be represented by its work at the Centennial, as will also the other departments of the school. Each day brings improvement to Normal.

Death of a Prominent Citizen.

South Bend, Ind., Special.

Rev. G. D. Smith was called to Dowagiac, Mich., to preach the funeral of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Stewart's son. Our merchant, Elsworth died after seven days sickness, Mr. Elsworth was a devoted and a loving citizen, one that will be missed in South Bend. Mrs. E. Murphy has returned from Dowagiac, Mich., where she was attending the funeral of Garret Stewart.

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The Canadian Jubilee Singers are doing a good business in Maine.

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Mrs. Lightfoot, of Hamilton, Ont, has joined the Canadian Jubilee Singers as pianist.

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Craig, equilibrist closed a season of forty weeks with Richard & Pringle's Minstrels April 17.

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John W. Smith's "Colored Comedians" were at 9th and Arch St. Theatre, Philadelphia, last week.

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Mrs. Sam Lucas, the accomplished musical artiste, of "Darkest America," was on the sick list, last week.

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Wm. Carter, manager of the Canadian Jubilee Singers, who has been ill at his home in Hamilton, Ont., is recovering.

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"Darkest America" played at the Academy of Music, Kalamazoo, Mich., April 27, to fair size audience.

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Miss Marion Henry, of Isham's "Octoroons" who has been on the sick list for the past two weeks, is able to be out again.

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Harry Brown, the celebrated Crayon artist, formerly with Mahara's Minstrels is stage director with "Colored America."

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Black Patti Troubadours played to extra fine audiences during their engagement at Bijou Theatre, Pittsburg, Pa., last week.

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Harry Eaton's Colored Sports Vaudeville Company are playing to good buisness at Eldorado Casino, in Hoboken, N. J., this week.

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McAdoo Jubilee Concert Company which has been in Australia and Africa for the past several years have returned to this country.

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Williams & Walker, the "Tobasco Senegambians" made a decided hit at their first appearance at the Empire Hall, London, England.

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Harry West who is playing "Uncle Tom" with Cook's Twin Sisters company, was presented with a handsome gold-headed cane by his admirers at Paris, Ill., April 29.

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Isham's "Oriental America" company, gave a testimonial concert in the grand saloon of the steamship en route to Liverpool, Eng., April 13, for the benefit of widows and orphans of seamen.

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The following members of "Colored America" appeared in the testimonial benefit to Manager Zimmerman, of the Empire Theatre, Indianapolis May 3 Prof. Harry Brown, John Tolliver and Blackburn & Temple.

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"Colored America" a new specialty, and extravaganza company, under the management of Prof. R. B. Shelton, formerly with Isham's "Oriental America" will open their Summer season May 9, at Terre Haute Ind.

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The Bergen Star Concert Company, in which M. M. Hodges, Boston's greatest Baritone soloist; Miss Alice Ruth Moore, of New Orleans, the accomplished lecturereas and reader; Henry Jackson, and E. B. Wright, the "King of Fun," are the "headliners," will appear at the Great Hall of Cooper Union, New York City, May 13.

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Prof. Solomon White's Superb concert band is again with the 4 Paw-Sells Bros.' Shows, this making their 17th consecutive season with that organization. Their fine work especially in the parade, is creating a sensation all along the line. Wm. Hedspath, baritone player, is no longer connected with the band, his place is now being acceptably filled by Jas. Hall, late of the "Darkest America" forces. The efficient work of the "Superb" and the unstinted praises of the public easily places the genial Professor in the front rank of Afro-American band masters.

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John Rucker, the "Alabama Blossom," with "Darkest America," is still creating much laughter in his funny creation as "Uncle Amos Jackson," and is making a big hit with songs "the Watermillion," and "De Possum." Mr. Rucker will soon introduce his latest original song entitled: "The Alabama Blossom and the Bumble Bee."

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The following is the roster of the "Colored America" company: R B. Shelton, Prof. Harry A. Brown, staga manager; George Temple and John Toliver, Leota Blackburn, Kate Colman, Susie Yeager, Annie Lewis, Sallie Walker, Vernie Rhodes, John Goodall, Lon Seymour, Harry Dunnington, James Wild, Omer Small, Ethel Johnson, Della Blakemore Wm. Goodall and the Plunger Quartet.

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Shepherd N. Edmonds, of Columbus, Ohio, has closed with Al G. Field's' "Darkest America" as trap drummer with Frank Hailstock's Concert Orchestra, in order to publish a few new vocal compositions Mr. Edmonds is the author of the following popular songs: "Sweet Dreams of Love;" "Charley Moore;" "Eighteen-ninty-four;" "Imperial Region;" and others. His latest composition is entitled: 'Desdemonia" which he has entered at the Nashville Centennial for the prize offered for the best vocal composition. Mr. Edmonds will the coming season make his debut as a baritone balladist, singing mostly his own compositions.

Cupid on the Wing.

Muncie, Ind., Special.

Marshal Boyer and Miss Edna Moore were married Wednesday evening, the 28th ult., at the home of the bride's mother on S. Elm street. Mrs. Goins sent two of her children to the orphan's home last Thursday. Mr. Roberts and Miss Maggie Benson were married Saturday last and will reside on S. Elm street. An entertainment was given at the Second Baptist church to raise funds to purchase a new carpet. Miss Brown, of Anderson, will make Muncie her future home. Henry Burnham will leave soon for Washington, D. C., where he has secured a position. We regret the loss of Mr. Burnham's citizenship, but wish him success in his new home. The social given by the A. M. E. church Aid Tuesday evening, was a very pleasant affair. Rev. Broyles, of Indianapolis, preached Wednesday evening to a large audience. Mrs. Frazier, of West Main street, visited her daughter, Mrs. Richerson, at Anderson last week. Mrs. Nancy Evans, of S. Beacon street, is on the sick list. Mrs. John Shoecraft, of S. Plum street, is very ill at her home. Mrs. Mattie Richerson, of Anderson, spent Sunday in the city. Quite a large crowd assembled at the Second Baptist church Sunday last to listen to the annual sermon of the Odd Fellows, which was eloquently delivered by the pastor, Rev. T. Green. Collection $10.25. C. M. Timbers is sick at her home on N. Hackley street.

Notes of Interest.

Alton, Ill., Special.

Miss Ophelia White was visiting friends in St. Louis last week. Mr. Scott Madlock who has been working quite a while at Seibold livery stable, has resigned his position, and left for St. Louis to spend a few days with relatives. Walter Hutton went to St. Louis on business. Henry Thompson who has run a successful pool room on Fourth street has now closed. Jasper Rice and John Sprow who were charged with stealing wheat were tried in the Police Court, and after a rigid examination the lads were acquitted. Elmore Western eloped with Mrs. Johnson last Sunday. The two have not been located, but the assumption is they are not far away. The Merry Volunteers had their last ball Friday evening. The Athletic Club meets every week.

The Annual Camp Fire.

Columbus, O., Special.

Mrs W. Johnson is on the sick list. Mrs. Alison of Lafayette street is very sick. McKinley House arrivals: Charles Blair, Taco Wheeler, John Black, Roanoke, W. Va.; Thomas Washington, J. W. Siler, Louis Cook, Whit Jones, Wheeling, W. Va.; George Steele. The G. A. R. held their annual camp fire at Fraternal Hall Wednesday night, which was largely attended by visiting comrades from the different posts of the city. The camp fire was opened by song by the little Misses Laura and Clara Ridgeway, speech by the commander of the Wells Post, and was followed by comrade Wesgood, who gave a talk on what he saw in clubs, song by Col. Brooks who is the commander of the George Steele Post. Sergant Irvin of Steele's company gave a history of the fight in which Steele the color bearer was killed, and in whose memory the post was named. Song by Comrade Ransom. When Col. Brooks ordered the camp to break Mrs. T. Young lead the men to a well filled table of hard tack, beans and coffee. There is a move here to start a co-operative food and supply house with a stock of two thousand dollars. Dorcas Council No. 24 Daughter of Jerusalem gave a beautiful cantata at the city hall which was largely attended and well carried out by M. H. Tyler, R. F. Williams, W. Walker, H. Lane, F. Y. Hicks, H. Swan, J. Harris, and Flora Jefferson, Cora Benson. Cora Harris, Jennie Moss, Juda Harris, Marry Niel, Maggie Mabson, Ada Moss, Bertie Lewis, and forty others were in the casts all beautifully costumed. Freeland Jones of Mann street was buried by the Odd Fellows May 4th.

Their Annual Sermon.

Eufaula Ala., Special.

The Odd Fellows Lodge and Household of Ruth, had their annual sermon preached at St. Johns A. M. E. church last sabbath; Rev. John Harmon officated. The church was nicely decorated. The music was excellent. Miss Ida Dodson, presided at the organ. G. Asmond was master of ceremonies, and Rev. J. B. Dodson, chaplain. L. J. Tennille of Howe, also spent the Sabbath in this city. Miss Emma Vardross of The Richmond Planett is in this city. Several of our citizens spent last Sabbath in Montgomery, Ala., Rev. Mrs. D. C. Edmonson, of Troy is in the city a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Mitchell. Services were well attended at St. Lukes A. M. E. church, Rev. W. C. Banton the pastor, preached an able sermon at night to a good congregation. Rev. J. W. Jackson of this city preached the Odd Fellows Annual sermon at Batesville last Sabbath. You can find the Freeman on sale every Saturday, at Mr. Louis Johnson's resturant.

Personal Mention.

Lafayette, Ind., Special.

Miss Maud Roberts is visiting in Covington. Mrs. John Lester is entertaining her cousin, Miss Henderson. Rev. A. S. Jackson of the Second Baptist church will exchange pupils Sunday with Rev. Cromwell of Crawfordsville. Miss Laura Smith, one of the victims of the wreck is reported worse. Rally at the Second Baptist church Sunday. The choir of the A. M. E. church will render a song service Sunday night. W. B. Horner is spending a few days in Cincinnati. John White is still on the sick list.

A Musical Entertainment.

Decatur, Mich., Special.

Rev. Martin, of South Bend, Ind., preached at the First Baptist church, Sunday, the 25th ult. Mr and Mrs. Brown are happy over the arrival of a son, as are Mr. and Mrs. Newton Winborn. Robert L. Moore, of the Giant Quartette, of Chicago, after five week's visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Burnett, returned home on the 29th ult. Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Burnett gave a musical at their home Tuesday evening, the 29th ult, in honor of Mrs. Burnett's son, Robert Moore, of Chicago. About thirty friends were present. Mr. Moore rendered many beautiful songs. All were well pleased.

Thanksgiving Sermon.

Macon, Miss., Special.

There was an excursion to Meridian, Miss., last Sunday to attend the Thanksgiving anniversary of the Odd Fellows. The revival work of St. Paul M. E. church, is now going on under the leadership of the pastor. Rev. N. W. Williams. Macon has four churches, one graded school and one town hall. The Second Baptist church is enjoying a most successful patronage under the efficient management of Rev. B. P. E. Gayles, A. B. St. Paul M. E. church. under the staff of Rev. N. W. Williams, is progressing. Our little city has the reputation of being one of the most benevolent towns in the state, supporting several secret societies. There will be a grand picnic given about June 1st, at the closing of the city schools.

Prominent People Wed.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.

A grand rally is being held by the Twelve Tribes of the First Baptist church, which opened their spring rally last Sunday, and will continue till the third Sunday. Rev. Dr. Hoffman, one of the most powerful pulpit orators in the state, preached last Sunday. Rev. M. Vann, pastor. At the home of the bride's parents in Churchville Thursday evening at 8 o'clock occurred the marriage of their daughter, Miss Susie Calhoun to Eugene Cheatham. Every Sunday at 4 p. m. the B. Y. P. U. have meetings at the First Baptist church. All young Baptist are invited to come out and take part. J. M. Eastling, president. The many friends of Miss Lizzie Whitesides, the popular young lady of West Cannon Hill, who has been sick, will be glad to know that she is convalescing. The Freeman can be found at 707 Market street every Saturday. J. R. Acklin agent.

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Sunday Excursion to Madison.

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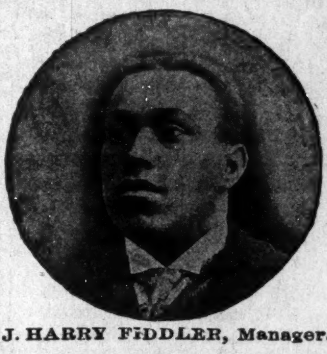

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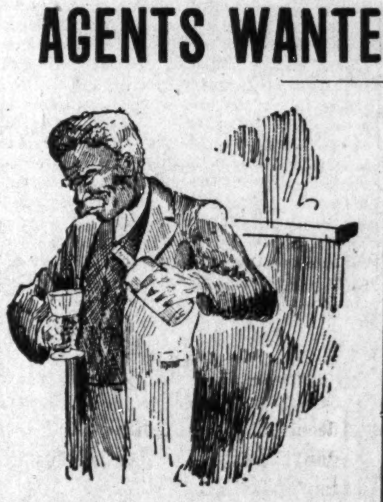

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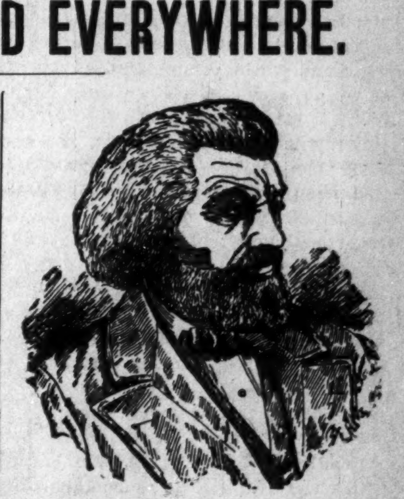

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They decided that the public likes to be amused and as they could dance what is known in the South as the "Georgia Buck," they forthwith went out on the street corners to apply their trade in dancing for a piece of bread or a penny. Sometimes the sister would dance and the brother would clap his hands and whistle as a musical accompaniment. The "Georgia Buck" is a dance peculiarly adapted to the colored people of the South, and consists of much shuffling of the feet and clapping of the heels together and many curious and funny antics likely to amuse. Sometimes a few pennies would come to them, and they managed to live in a hand-to-mouth way.

One day while dancing on the wharf, by some mischance the brother fell into the water and was drowned; this left the little girl alone, and the business of dancing for bread and pennies could not be carried on so well, as she could not dance to her own music. It thus became necessary for her to go from door to door, calling at the stores, saying, "Mister ef yer gimme a piece ob bread, I'll dance de buck fer yer."

Sometimes she would meet with a kind reception, and a piece of bread would be given her, but when business was dull she was hungry, and one day being unusually so, she was tempted to steal an apple from a fruit store, and when she thought the proprietor was not looking she took the apple. She was arrested and put in jail. Next day her trial came up and she was given thirty days in jail for the theft of an apple. Realizing her sentence she began to cry. The justice considering her extreme youth, and not wishing to put her in jail among hardened criminals, turned her over to the superintendent of the Jenkins Orphanage at Charleston, where this same girl has been for nearly three years and she has learned how to sew, sing, and do many other useful things, and when she leaves this orphanage she will be capable of earning an honest living and will not be forced to again dance for bread, which no doubt she has forgotten how to do.

An Enjoyable Affair.

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On Thursday evening, the 15 ult., the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hale, was a scene most beautiful to behold, the occasion being a reception given by their daughter, Miss Minnie, who proved to be a most pleasant hostess. The rooms were decorated profusely with potted plants and cut flowers, and various shaded lights in each room. Prof. Eddie Brandkamp presided at the piano and to the sweet music, part of the guests indulged in dancing, while others amused themselves at cards and other games. At 9 o'clock all repared to the dining room, where the tables fairly groaned under the load of good things which had been prepaired. The pleasures continued until a late hour, when all returned home feeling that they had been royally entertained. Those present from out of the city were: Misses Alice Lillard and Grace Jone, Messrs. Milton Carten, Clarence Marshall, Henry Biggs and Will Lillard, of Lafayette; Miss Anna Robertson, of Terre Haute; Miss Irene Saunders, of Danville, Ill., and Dr. Robert Harper, of Indianapolis. Rev. Wilson lectured at the A. M. E. church Tuesday evening. Henry Humphry and Miss Anna Jones were married at the A. M. E. church the 21st ult. Mr. Row has moved to Jointville. Will Hall is suffering with la grippe.

In Reply to Bishop Turner.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

In reply to the editorial of the Cincinnati Commercial Tribune on the dangerous advice given the Negroes of the South. Bishop Turner advises the Negro to get guns, and may God give you good aim to shoot. We admit this dangerous advice to the Negro of the South, as he is denied his franchise as and elector and free speech as a citizen. It seems to the close observer, if the heroes of emancipation meant to perpetuate the declaration, and their belief in God by protecting our life, liberty and pursuits of happiness; it has been sadly misconstrued by the Republican party of today, and until they carry out their national contract in spirit, as well as in form. We do not owe the Republican party of to-day our allegiance until they fulfill the contract in the emancipation as signed by our benefactor, Abraham Lincoln. The white so-called men of the South hang a defenseless Negro to satisfy his hellish designs, more constantly than the playing boys hang a cat. We only ask this administration to give the Southern Negro his election franchise and justice in the courts as American citizens and by comparison, without discrimination note the more law abiding citizen. Oppression creates hatred and vice, while freedom in its true sense tends to elevate and cope second to none.

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J. J. Martin, who has just received a silver medal for his ingenuity in inventing a match box, had a sketch of his life published in the National Recorder. Mr. Martin is one of our oldest and highly respected citizens. The people of Dowagiac, especially colored, feel proud of his success. Mrs. Josie S. Martin of this city has just returned from lecturing at Kalamazoo and Decatur. She spoke at the gospel meeting (white) of the W. C. T. U. Sunday afternoon, and at the Second A. M. E. church Sunday evening. She also spoke before the Douglass Club, giving personal recollections of the late Hon. Frederick Douglass, whom she had known since childhood, and whose second marriage she attended. She left for Decatur and lectured at the white Christian church, and returned home well pleased with her trip. Mrs. Martin is superintendent of colored work for the Fourth District of Michigan. The revival meeting at the Second Baptist church has closed. The pastor was ably assisted by Rev. M. Gilland.

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EDITOR FREEMAN:

Since my connection, strict observation has been given to many things which are badly needed among the Negro of Carthage, and which needs to be speedily remedied. First, let the Negro cease to be an enemy to one another, cease fighting, criticizing, back-biting and envying the progress of one another. Every intelligent colored boy and girl should keep a copy of the Freeman and know the doings of the race everywhere. The great trouble seems that our people don't read enough. We want more subscribers for The Freeman; we want more intelligence and pride. We want less street parades among our men and women, we want less crap shooters and gamblers. We want Lincoln school next session to carry a full attendence and we want the parents of Carthage to see strictly to this being accomplished and execute their duty in seeing that their children attend both day and Sabbath school services. These things must be done to insure race culture and enable our men and women to respect and so be respected by others. Keep a copy of The Freeman on hand and it will induce you to look into these things. We want business representations of different kinds and let them be fully patronized and supported.

We want our young men to look upon themselves with too much intelligence and pride to continue to be made toot balls of on the streets for a glass of beer or a box of cigarettes, carrying notes and dark messages to girls for men. Let them exercise more manhood and pride and learn to make their way in life for a higher calling. Let them study professions and trades. We want our girls to spend more time at home reading, sewing, painting, writing, cooking and learning the method of housekeeping. We want them to understand that these things are important and absolutely necessary. Learn to be men and women to be looked upon and respected as a people. School soon closes with a very small attendance, while the streets have been fully patronized the year round with loafers of men and boys that should have been in school. They are naturally too lazy to work, still we hope for a change. If Fred Blair was more patronized with The Freeman it would cause many, if not all, to reform and look well to the future.

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Pleasantly Entertained.

Montreal, Can., Special.

From a glorious dawn to an ideal sunset, it was a perfect Easter day in Montreal. Rev. Johnson of Toronto preached at Desrivers St. Mission Sunday evening to a very good audience. His subject was "Christ is Risen." One of the gayest evening parties of the season was given by the Misses Nannie, Mary and Sarah Woods Thursday evening the 22nd ult. The house was beautifully decorated for the occasion. At 12 o'clock supper was served. Among some of the invited guests were Mr. and Mrs. B. Sportsman, Mr. and Mrs Finley, Mr. and Mrs. J. French, Mesdames Harding, Humphrey, Elliott, Stevens, Misses Lillie Meddley and French, Messrs. R. E. Smalley, Johnson, Brown, Green, Jones, Gray, Spring and Reid. Miss Daisy Brown deserves much credit for the faithful manner in which she trained the younger element for their parts in the concert at Desrivers Street Mission Monday the 20th ult. Each of the little ones were made happy by being given a prize. Then followed a most pleasant social chat. Mrs. James Harris entertained the visiting ladies and a number of friends at tea last week. Hon. James A. Ross and wife returned to their home in Buffalo N. Y., last week. Messrs. Fred Croker, S. Clark, E. Durant left last week for Vancouver, B. C Miss V Trueheart has returned to New York City where she will make her future home. C. T. White of Winnipeg was circulating among friends last week Miss Zoe Ball of Boston is a guest of Mrs. Frank Beard. Mrs. Geo. Bonner entertained Mrs. H. Jackson and daughter of St. Paul, Minn., the 21st ult.

Awakening Sinners.

Palestine, Tex., Special.

Rev. W. C. Cole of Shreveport, La., is visiting his wife and baby who are ill. Mrs. Ann Davis, a prominent lady is very ill. Mrs. Dr. McClellan, who resigned her position at Navasota on account of illness is a resident of our city. Ernest Feagan and Mrs. Mahala Moore were married at the Baptist church by Rev. E. M. Griggs the 25th ult School will close May 28. Graduating exercises at opera house. School picnic on the 29th. Rev. Dr. Griffin—"Sin-killer Griffin," is in our town awakening sinners. Mrs. Rakestraw and Mrs. Deary have opened a first-class ice cream parlor on South street. The annual sermon of the U. B. F. and S. M. T's. was held at St Paul M. E. church the 25th ult. The proclamation was read by Master S. H. Stanton; welcome address by W. K. Roberts. Collection $28.30. The sermon was by Rev. L. L. Campbell of Austin, text 133 Psalm. He did justice to himself and the order. The address was most eloquent, scholarly and replete with words of kindly wisdom and advice to the orders. Music, which was one of the features, was furnished by the High school choir, under the leadership of Prof. J. N Dodson.

Lodge Entertainment.

Patterson, Tex., Special.

Sunday was a big day with the U. B. F's. and S. M. T's. of this place and surrounding communities, being the day set apart for their annual sermon, which was preached by Rev. W. L. Duncan of Navasota. Hon. D. A. Starks, Deputy Grand Master of the state of Texas, was master of ceremonies, and under his leadership the Lodge and Temple showed up advantageously. A collection of $19.20 was taken for the Orphan's Home. Prof. S. A. Downey delivered an excellent address. Mrs. C. C. Rhone read a paper, subject "The Mission of the U. B. F." The exercises passed off pleasantly, and from all appearances everybody went home benefitted. We are organizing "The Farmer's Improvement Association." We like The Freeman very much and always look for it with fond expectancy.

THE
DRIFT OF
SENTIMENTS

There are three years and ten months more of republican rule and some Negro will be cared for before that time expires. Be patient but watchful.—National Protest.

The memory of the first commander of an Afro-American regiment is about to be honored in the unveiling at Boston, on May 30 next, of a bronze tablet to Colonel Robert Gould Shaw. His command was the Fifty-fourth Massachusetts Volunteers, the first colored troops that marched from the North to the war. Colonel Shaw was killed on July 18, 1863, while fighting on the ramparts of Fort Wagner. The Shaw memorial will be placed immediately opposite the Boston State House. The artist, Mr. St. Gaudens, has represented (in alto-relief) Colonel Shaw on horseback at the head of a file of colored soldiers.—Philadelphia, Record.

Colored men are now seeming disposed to complain at McKinley on account of his tardiness in making colored appointments. In most cases where colored men have been usually holding government positions and are likely to hold them under this administration, there are a half dozen or more men aspiring for the same position. This of itself is good couse for delay in such matters, and the condition would be the same if all the applicants were white. One thing is sure, Mr. McKinley will be compelled to ask colored men to decide the wrangle for office among themselves or the high appointments that the Negroes expect to receive will be greatly delayed.—Florida Sentinel.

The question of "Negro Education" is vigorously discussed by T. H. Martin in the current number of "Dixie." The pith of his argument is that the one hundred endowed schools and colleges, now in the Southern States, devoted to Negro education, should be converted into industrial training schools. He declares that "there are two or three institutions of this character now in operation, and it is quite within the limits of truth to say that they are of greater material benefit to the race than the combined influence of all the colleges in the land." It would certainly seem as though the majority of these Southern schools should be so changed, or made to include such training. Among the thrifty, self-sustaining Negroes very few can be found who attended these schools, which have graduated, nevertheless, about 30,000 pupils during the past twenty years.—Philadelphia Record.

A Rare Centennial Exhibit.

Aunt Peggie Banks, colored, who lives in Gallatin, Tenn., is now ninety-four years old, and came to this county more than seventy years ago, and is liked and respected by all who know her. She has just completed with her own hands a quilt for exhibit in the Negro Department which is a remarkably piece of handiwork for one of her years. The pattern she denominates the "Centennial Star," and contains by actual count 5,712 pieces. In the center piece she has embroidered "Peggie Banks, born 1803."

Odd Fellows' Sermon.

Keokuk, Ia., Special.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Bland gave a reception Tuesday evening at their home in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Vaughn of New Mexico. There were about fifty guests present. The G. U. O. of O. F. had their annual sermon preached last Sunday. H. T. Holt of Des Moines Lodge No. 1107 was marshall of the day. W. A. S. Wills of the Reliance Lodge, No. 1850 was master of ceremonies. F. Fields was master of receptions.

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The gray of the sea and the gray of the sky,
A glimpse of the moon like a half-closed eye:
The gleam on the waves and the lights on the land,
A thrill in my heart—and my sweetheart's hand.

She turned from the sea with a woman's grace,
And the light fell soft on her upturned face,
And I thought of the floodtide of infinite bliss
That would flow to my soul with a single kiss.

But my sweetheart is shy so I dared not ask
For the boon, so I bravely wore the mask;
But into her face there came a flame—
I wonder could she have been thinking the same?

—Paul Laurence Dunbar in May Ladies' Home Journal.

A LITTLE GIRL'S SOLILOQUY.

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My mamma dear is good and sweet,
But I can't understand
Just why she comes right in my way,
With a forbidding hand.

When e'er I wish to do a thing
That to me would be fun,
She says no! no! no! no! my dear!
Before I have begun.

When e'er I start to climb a chair,
She rushes like a storm,
And says my dear, Oh, don't do that!
You'll fall and break your arm.

If I should start to punch the fire,
At once she's on her feet,
And says hold, dear, stop! stop! stop! stop!
'Twill burn my baby sweet.

If I should want to eat some nuts,
She lifts her hands right quick,
And says my dear, you can't have those,
For they will make you sick.

I'm sure my mamma loves me well,
But I can hardly see
How she can do the very things
Which she forbids to me.

Some day I'll be a woman grown—
In the sweet by and by,
And then I'll do just as I wish
Or know the reason why.

For Pride and Progress.

South Bend, Ind., Special.

Jetro Anderson, living on South street, died very suddenly Tuesday night. He was only sick twelve hours. Rev. G. D. Smith returned home after attending the minister's institute at Lansing, Mich. Church was well attended Sunday. Mrs. Joe Scott and Mrs. Dean from over the river were calling in the west Monday afternoon. Sunday was rally day at the Baptist church. Beulah Club No. 1 is in full bloom for the third Sunday. Miss Cora Coke has disposed of her crop at a neat profit. Mrs. Sereldia Boone is on the sick list. Read The Freeman—it is the paper of the race and full of good things pertaining to race pride and progress. The twelve-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Williams, who has been attending school at Dowagiac, Mich., is not expected to live.

Easter Services.

Ft. Robinson, Neb., Special.

The services were celebrated in purely military style. The Post Amusement Hall which has a seating capacity of 400, was beautifully decorated with national flags and flowers. The services commenced at 7:30 a. m. Special singing from the Gospel Hymns continued until 8 p. m., when Rev. Geo. W. Prioleau, chaplain 9th Cavalry gave the signal and 500 men were on their feet. The decalogue led by the chaplain was repeated by the congregation, followed by a double quartette singing "Hosannah." A sweet solo, "If you love me, keep my Commandments," was rendered by Mrs. A L. Prioleau, accompanied by Prof. C. Gungle of the famous 9th Cavalry band with violin. Scripture reading, Cor. 14:7, subject, "The Vacant Tomb."

Excursions To Louisville, Ky.

Via Pennsylvania Short Lines for the Kentucky Derby Day, May 12th, and the Louisville Futurity Stake, May 15th, excursion tickets to Louisville will be sold via Pennsylvania Lines at one fare for the round trip on these dates from Indianapolis and intermediate stations. Tickets good returning on date of sale only. Geo E. Rockwell, D. P. A.

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A Noble Work.

From the Omaha Christian Advocate.

There is no one in Omaha or vicinity who has not heard of Mr. N. J. Smith, founder of Rescue Home. He has for a number of years, devoted a large share of his time to the work of rescuing the fallen, furnishing aid to those in distress and helping in every way possible those in trouble. He has been in poor health for several years, but all will be pleased to learn that his health is now much better and he is able to take active charge of the mission work, to which he now devotes his entire time.

On January 1st, 1897, he writes as follows: "I have been troubled for several years with a bad cough. I had lung chills and slight hemorrhage of the lungs and was threatened with consumption. My mother and two sisters have died with consumption, I expected the same fate; but I tried Dr. Kay's Lung Balm, prepared by Dr. B. J. Kay Medical Co., Omaha, Neb., and two 25c boxes have entirely cured me of my cough and soreness of my lungs. That tired, sleepy and drowsy feeling is all gone and my appetite is now good. I feel well and full of life. I can work night and day and do not feel tired, Praise the Lord for the help it has given me. I write this hoping if any read it who are similarly afflicted and have been unable to get help from any other sources that they will try this excellent remedy, which I believe to be the best cough medicine of which I have any knowledge."

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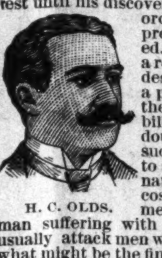

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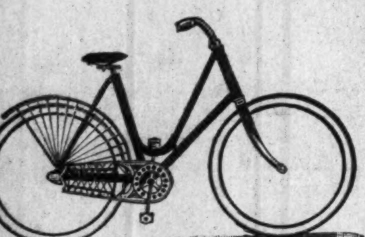

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The G. U. O. of O. F. had their annual sermon preached last Sunday at Bethel church.

Rev. G. B. Lynch will preach his farewell sermon at Walter's Chapel to-morrow evening.

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C. A. Webb is serving on the jury in the Criminal Court before Hon. J. Frank McCray, judge of the same.

Kid gloves cleaned and pants pressed at the Capitol City Dye Works, 132 Massachusetts avenue.

Rev. J. Kennedy of Penix Chapel, Norwood, will begin a May fair at that prosperous little church next week.

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The Freeman is for sale each week at the following places: Bates House Barber shop, J. J Clark, 150 Massachusetts avenue, and L. W. Green, 48 Malotte avenue.

Walter's Chapel Lyceum closes for the season next Thursday evening with a graphophone and literary concert.

Rev. A. A. Wakefield and his congregation are preparing for a May fair to be held at the church in Blackford street.

A large number of converts were baptized in the canal by Rev. J. W. Carr of the Second Baptist church last Sunday.

Churches, Odd Fellows, and all secret orders are respectfully invited to attend the Blind Boone concert Monday May 10th at Allen Chapel.

James A. Simms, who won the gold medal in the oratorical contest in Louisville, Ky., in '94, will graduate from the Indiana Law school May 26.

The Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, the Grand Patriarchs and the Household of Ruth have received special invitation from the G. U. O. of O F. of Paris, Ill., to be present at their annual sermon next Sunday.

Dr. Sumner A. Furniss was duly elected delegate to represent the Marion County Medical Society at the American Medical Association of the U. S. A. which meets in Philadelphia, Pa., the first week in June, which will be their fiftieth anniversary.

PERSONAL AND SOCIETY.

Returned from Paris, Ill., Bruce Williams.

D. D. Hunter of the Informer, Louisville, was in the city last week.

"Bud" Palmer and Mrs. Susie Porter formerly of Louisville, were recently married.

Miss Lillian Ward entertained in honor of Miss Laura Mitchell of Chicago Thursday evening.

Arthur Weathers of New Albany, spent Sunday in the city, the guest of his sister, Mrs. W. E. Givens.

M. A. Crawford of Ann Arbor, Mich., is among the latest arrivals at the English House, 39 Hosbrook street.

G. W. Chavis, general agent of Swanson Rheumatic Cure Co., of Chicago is in the city, this week.

Hon. John G. Jones of Chicago, spent a few hours in the city last week en route from Asheville, N. C., to his home.

Chas. H. Stewart, who will have charge of the Bureau of The Freeman at the Tennessee Centennial, leaves this evening for Nashville.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Porter, of Paris, Ill., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Porter in North California street from Saturday till Tuesday.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Corinthian church was entertained last week by Miss Sydney Dupee at the home of Mrs. S. A. Coleman in Senate avenue.

Miss Cora Jackson entertained a few friends last Tuesday evening at the home of Miss Kate Mann in Elizabeth street, in honor of Mr. Taylor of Chicago.

Arrivals at the Herrington House: C. H. Moore, New York City; Henry Smith, Chicago; Misses Mary and Henrietta Sanders, Madison, Ind.; Misses Jennie Williams and Carrie Ricks, Paris, Ill., and Clarence Weathers.

BETHEL A M. E.NOTES.

Quarterly meeting Sunday. Communion service at 2:30. All the ministers and their congregations cordially invited.

CORINTHIAN CHURCH NOTES.

Our Sunday school is rapidly increasing in membership. You are cordially invited to visit us at 9:30 each Sunday morning.

A good congregation was in attendance at the three services last Sunday. There were several added to the church.

Arrangements have been made for a series of meetings, to be held each Sunday evening. The unconverted are specially invited.

ALLEN CHAPEL NOTES.

D. D. Hunter instructed the school last Sunday.

The Blind Boone Concert Co. will render a few selections Sunday.

Rev. Wm. Joseph delivered a good sermon last Sunday morning.

Blind Boone Concert Co. will appear at the evening service Sunday.

The Missionary Society will render a program to-morrow afternoon. You are invited.

Rev. George B. Lynch, late pastor of Walter's Chapel, delivered an excellent sermon Sunday night which was a treat.

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Revs. W. H. Bowman and J. H. Young had charge of the services during the absence of Rev. A. L. Murray last Sunday.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Smith visited the Sunday school last Sunday, and by request gave an interesting talk.

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Notwithstanding the inclement weather last Monday evening, a large audience was present and an enjoyable time was had.

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Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Murray and Miss Susie Wilson were royally entertained at Marion last Sunday. A reception was tendered them

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$1 50 values—$1; $1.25 values—75c; 50c values—35c.
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THE WHEN.

"SWAMP ANGEL" ON THE WING

Some people are like silver-plated knives and forks—good care makes a big difference in their looks.

If we should tell all we know about some of our neighbor's misdoings, they would live a little closer to the cross in the future.

There is noticeable throughout the city a large falling off of church-goers, unless for some special occasion. Whether this lamentable fact can be remedied, remains to be seen. One thing, however, to which we might attribute this deplorable state of affairs, is the icy, chilly, frigid-zone-like feeling that dominates in these latter days in the holy sanctuary.

These existing conditions are making strong headway, notwithstanding the strenuous efforts being put forth by the pulpit to remove this barrier. The hearty hand-shake of the good old christian warrior of yore is no more; instead, we get a cold bow, or a cool sarcastic smile. The good old familiar tune is being displaced by opera airs; the fashionable choir giggles and chews gum, the deacon snores in the amen corner, while the pastor strives almost in vain to awaken or revive a religious spirit in the long-faced congregation.

But Father Time changes all things: And now comes a church with a clique or a strictly exclusive set, whose aim is to promulgate—not christian zeal and piety, not meekness, holiness and gentleness of the divine spirit—but to bow at fashion's altar. Can a church, dedicated to the memory of the Most Holy One, thrive in permitting such tinkling cymbals christians to organize such circles within its sacred temple? If our individuality is of such a superior nature that we cannot attend a religious service for fear of our garments coming in touch with the poorly dressed or black sinner, better we remain at home under our own vine and fig tree.

Within our own doors, we may be exclusive, select, or aristocratic, but not in the sacred portals of the church. Can this exclusive set have a good influence on the sinful public with Sunday school literature in one hand, while in the other they hold rules, by-laws and regulations debarring them from a church club unless judgment is passed upon them by certain members who have been previously instructed to use the guillotine judiciously? We invite our admirers to read and digest.

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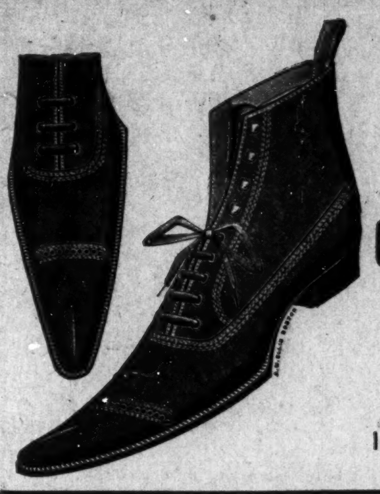

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